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Debra McCunney, supervisor at the Granite City Post Office, dedicates the book listing the names and stories of the area's war dead. McCunney is a veteran of the United States Air Force.

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## Heroic endeavor

Local war veterans honored with album

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Army Capt. Keith J. Lucas was airlifting Army Rangers during the 1983 Grenada invasion when his Black Hawk UH-60 was hit by enemy fire.

Despite his mortal wounds, Lucas managed to land his helicopter and save all those on board before he died.

The Granite City native was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

The Illinois legislature also passed a resolution enshrining Lucas' memory.

The names of Lucas and 225 other heroes are etched in stone for all time in downtown Granite City. The names are those of the men from the Tri-City area who gave their lives for their friends, family and country in World War I through the Grenada invasion.

Now, thanks to the efforts of Steve Konkovich, local patriot and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, anyone can read all about the area's war dead at the Post Office on Madison.

Konkovich scoured almost a century's worth of pages of the *Press-Record* for all the stories

*'It has newspaper articles and pictures of them so you can put faces and names together and understand what they went through.'*

Debbie McCunney  
post office supervisor

of all the men. With the help of interim postmaster Marilyn Hertz, he put the clips together in a "patriotic album" that Hertz thought appropriate to display at the post office for all to see.

The album was dedicated at a small ceremony Tuesday that included dozens of postal workers, many of them veterans themselves. Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen was also present. His relative, Gary

(See WAR, Page 5A)

## Chiefs join Haine on mission

Ruebhausen says ban will be enforced in Granite City

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A countywide ban on video gambling devices in bars will be enforced, beginning Friday, in Madison County.

State's Attorney William Haine met with the county's police chiefs on Friday morning to discuss the situation.

The action comes on the heels of a grand jury investigation into the mushrooming case against two video poker game operators and the seizure of numerous machines by Collinsville police.

Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen was one of those attending Friday's meeting.

"Mr. Haine is wanting to rid Madison County of these machines, and he has met with all the chiefs," Ruebhausen said on Friday. "The bottom line, the machines are not to be on the premises."

He said turning the machines around to face the wall, unplugging them or moving them to storage rooms will not be accepted.

*'After next Friday, if we find the machines in any establishment, those machines will be seized and charges are going to be referred to state's attorney.'*

Chief Dave Ruebhausen

able.

"The local tavern owners and private organizations are going to be receiving a written notification by me early next week that they have until Friday, March 6, to get all their video slot machines, video poker machines, pull tab machines out of their establishment," Ruebhausen said.

He said Haine would give police agencies information which addresses specific actions and charges that would be filed.

Ruebhausen said the action is apparent-

ly based on a 1994 law which states that "mere possession" — without proof of gambling or payoffs — of gambling devices is illegal.

"I hope we don't have to present any charges," Ruebhausen said. "After next Friday, if we find the machines in any establishment, those machines will be seized and charges are going to be referred to state's attorney office."

Haine could not be reached for comment before Friday's *Journal* deadline.

## Bradley convicted of federal drug charges

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A Venice man could face 15 years in federal prison after being convicted of federal drug charges on Wednesday.

Frederick George Bradley, also known as "Ricky George," 43, of the 400 block of Lincoln Street, Venice, was convicted of six counts of distribution of crack cocaine in a trial at the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis.

The crimes took place between Nov. 27 and Dec. 28, 1995, in Madison County.

Sentencing is set for June 12. Bradley was arrested in August 1997.

In six separate transactions in the ally behind Bradley's home or in his house, an undercover police officer

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bought a total of 59 grams of crack cocaine from Bradley. During the last transaction Bradley also sold the officer a revolver.

According to W. Charles Grace, U.S. District Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, the convictions carry a mandatory sentence of five years and a maximum of 40 years, as well as a fine of up to \$2 million. The prison sentence would be followed by a four year supervised release.

Grace said a preliminary examination of the federal sentencing guidelines indicates that Bradley would probably face about 12 to 15 years in prison.

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## Grand jury hears video poker case

By Paul A. Brinkmann  
Telegraph staff writer

A Madison County grand jury heard evidence Thursday in the mushrooming case against two operators of video poker games.

However, any indictments

that may come in the case are not expected until at least the middle of next week, State's Attorney William Haine said. Haine said indictments against other operators are possible.

"It depends on the reaction to what we formulate as a poli-

cy," he said.

Thousands of video poker games have been played throughout the county for decades in taverns and fraternal clubs such as the Knights of Columbus Council 4688 hall in Bethalto. Twelve machines were seized there last week.

Haine and Collinsville police began the campaign earlier this year against operators Michael Clover of Troy and Richard GeBauer of Collinsville.

Haine contends the machines and the practice of "paying

(See POKER, Page 7A)

## City ready to bulldoze unkept properties

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Uncooperative or unknown property owners in the city of Madison will soon be finding out there property has been bulldozed.

At Tuesday's meeting the City Council approved backing a plan to post notices on derelict houses in which the owners cannot be found or are "uncooperative."

The first such sign was put up Thursday, at 1715 Collins-

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ville Ave. Mayor John Hamm said on Friday they expected to put up another five or six that day.

In all, the city is considering the action — allowed by state statutes — on about 10 properties.

If the owners do not take action in court to stop the city, in 30 days the city will have the right to demolish the home.

"I'm sure we'll have it down before dark on the 31st day," Hamm said at the meeting.

Hamm said the measure would be used on houses where the owner could not be found or are uncooperative.

He said many of the homes are constantly broken into, and

are dangerous or fire hazards. "I saw a concrete block with a dog chain and food set out where someone had been housing a dog (at the Collinsville Avenue house)," he said.

Since the spring, the city has been very aggressive in demolishing abandoned and dilapidated houses. So far, 34 homes have been torn down, most with the permission of the owners or at the city taking over the property.

The council also approved seeking bids for several parcels of property owned by the city.

Two lots were approved, and a third lot is expected to be voted on at the next council meeting.

Approved lots are located on Fourth Street and Madison

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Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE

## Has spring sprung?

Sam Akeman of Granite City watches a put roll towards the hole while taking to the links to enjoy Tuesday's unseasonably warm weather. Temperatures, however, were expected to take a dip this weekend before recovering again later this week.

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## Scholarships awarded



Ron Trimmer, president of St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City, presented scholarships for the spring semester to two students from the church. The first was awarded to Aaron Wright, a freshman at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville studying computer science. The second recipient was Chad Alexander, in his final year at SIUE and majoring in general science. Scholarships are provided from the St. John Hatfield-Gaines Endowment Fund.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

## Community

OLD SIX MILE HISTORICAL SOCIETY March meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 3 at the United Presbyterian Parian Road, 1700 Pontoon Road. Parking with no steps involved is available on the east side of the church.

The speaker for the evening will be Gregg McGee, the branch librarian for the Granite City Public Library.

An "Easter Parade," the 13th Annual Spring Dinner Dance and Auction sponsored by the OLD SIX MILE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, will be held March 28 at St. Gregory Armenian Hall, 3501 Century Drive in Granite City. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., there will be a cash bar as well as a silent auction. Gifts for the auction have been donated by merchants, members and many friends of the Society.

Donation for the evening is \$12.50 per person, and tickets must be purchased in advance from members of the organization before March 23. Call Elmer Stille, general chairman of the event, about tickets at 677-1208 or call 931-3023.

## Stage plays/musicals

SUMMERSTAGE PLAYHOUSE in Granite City is holding auditions for its next musical, "A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum." Auditions are scheduled for March 6 and 9 at the Playhouse, 2806 Parshing Ave.

All roles are available. Prepare one song and read from a script. For more information, call 451-1032 or 451-7512. Performances will be during the last week of May.

THE UNIVERSITY THEATER at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville is presenting on stage The Shadow Box by Michael Cristofer and directed by William J. Grivina. The Shadow Box is a tale of three families and three different looks at desperate and enlightening situations of death and dying.

The play is showing at the Main Stage Theater in the Communications Building. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Feb. 27 and 28 and 2 p.m. March 1. Tickets are \$7 general and \$5 for students. For more information, call the university box office at 692-2774.

The 1997-98 Frank Fowle Family Theatre Series at the CENTER OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS (COCA) continues a season celebrating COCA's 10th anniversary with performances of *Buffalo Soldier* Feb. 27 to March 1.

The *Buffalo Soldiers* musical pays tribute to the African-American soldiers in the U.S. Army who were segregated in their own units from the post-Civil War through the Spanish-American War.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. Feb. 27, 1:30 p.m. Feb. 28 and 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. March 1. All performances are at the Founders Theatre at COCA, 524 Trinity Ave. in University City. Tickets are \$10 to \$15 and may be purchased by calling (314) 725-0555. Tickets are also available at the door, subject to availability. Advanced purchase strongly recommended.

The 68th summer season of THE MUNY will include *OK! Amos!*, *Damn Yankees*, *Peter Pan*, *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Two productions are yet to be announced. The season opens June 15 and runs through Aug. 9. Dates for individual shows have not yet been determined.

Season tickets go on sale March 21. Single tickets go on sale May 30. Call (314) 361-1900 for more information.

Tickets are now on sale for the FOX THEATRE's offering of *The Phantom of the Opera* Aug. 26 through Sept. 20. The Cameron Mackintosh/Really Useful Theatre Co. Inc. is producing the musical. Tickets will be available at the Fox Theatre box office, all MetroTix locations or by calling (314)

534-1111. Ticket prices range from \$17 to \$67.

or at the door. Tickets cost \$1. Everyone is invited. Gail Mueller is the Choral Director at GCHS.

## Music/concerts

THE GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT presents a musical tribute to Irving Berlin at 7 p.m. March 5 in the high school auditorium.

The Swing Choir, Advanced Mixed Chorus and Contando members will perform numerous selections for the tribute.

Soloists for the concert are Neal Ingram, Joshua Burkett, Stephen Asbeck, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Amy Newman, Kara Spreitzer, James Knox, Christina Brimm, Kristen Lane, William Kee, Valerie Hanks, Casey Grieve, Amanda Boone, Jodi Boone, Janelle Hanks, James Hancock, Nellie Beausoleil, Renee Condray, Shelly Pulaski and Ricky Woodard.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from Vocal Music students. METRO EAST DART COMPANY 2801 Madison Ave. Granite City, IL. MF 11:00-4:00 SAT 10:00-3:00 452-DART (3278) For All Dart Supplies & League Information

## Exhibits

THE MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 715 N. Main St. in Edwardsville, commemorates the Lewis and Clark Expedition with a special exhibit that runs March 1 through May 31.

Retired East Alton history teacher Merrill Rosenthal of Wood River has loaned fascinating materials to the museum for the 195th anniversary of Camp DuBois near Wood River.

Included are a model of Fort DuBois and articles regarding the encampment by late area historian and educator Donald Fremont Lewis.

Museum hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Closed holidays. Call 555-7562.

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## City Hall to host grants hearing

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Madison City Hall will be one of four sites hosting a series of public hearings on grants by Madison County Community Development.

The hearings deal with the 1998 fiscal year funding for its Community Development Block Grant, HOME, and Emergency Shelter Grant programs. The fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, 1999.

All three grant programs are financed through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs.

MCCD officials said they are especially interested in the needs of low and moderate income households.

The agency is expected to receive about \$3.7 million for the CDBG program, \$1.2 million for

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the HOME program, and \$146,000 for the Emergency Shelter Grant program.

The first hearing will be at 9 a.m. Monday, at Alton City Hall.

On Tuesday, hearings will be held at Madison City Hall at 9 a.m. and Edwardsville City Hall at 2 p.m.

On Wednesday, a hearing will be held at 2 p.m. in the Highland City Hall.

Those who cannot attend one of the public hearings may submit comments in writing. Those comments should be addressed to: Madison County Community Development, 130 Hillsboro, Suite 100, Edwardsville, IL, 62025.

For information, call 692-8940.

## MILESTONES

Jerry and Kathy Tatum celebrate their wedding anniversary today, March 1.

Jay Hamm celebrates a birthday today, March 1.

Susan McGehee celebrates a birthday today, March 1.

Barbara Thomas celebrates a birthday March 2.

Amy Winn celebrates a birthday March 3.

Josephine Laub celebrates a birthday March 3.

Bob Cook celebrates a birthday March 4.

Chuck Stokes celebrates a birthday March 4.

Iran Page celebrates a birthday March 5.

Robert and Dianna Barthelmy celebrate their wedding anniversary March 5.

Matthew Awalt celebrates a birthday March 5. "Shelly"

Peggy Michelle Reynolds celebrates a birthday March 5.

Albert Lee Wells celebrates a birthday March 6.

Brian Dodson celebrates a birthday March 6.

Tim Vandaveer celebrates a birthday March 7.

Carly Caldwell celebrates a birthday March 7.

Lloyd Riddle celebrates a birthday March 7.

Barb and Gary Bogovich

celebrates a birthday March 7.

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones" Granite City Journal.



## Let's Talk REAL ESTATE

by Gary Henson Realtor

## BUYER'S REMORSE

Buyer's remorse is the emotional response that many home buyers experience after they have entered into agreements to purchase homes. They may ask themselves if they bought the right house, paid the right price, or if they can afford the payments. These questions and others all arise during a period of great flux, when buyers are leaving something that is comfortable and well known for something they are less certain about. Those who experience these feelings should remind themselves that they are part of a normal and temporary response. Beyond that, they can enlist the help of their agents to remind themselves of the validity of their decisions, which were made on the basis of needs and sound data.

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of doubt given the magnitude of this investment. As a Century 21 Agent, you can rely on me for objective guidance through every phase of the real estate process. I'll help you determine your price range, review your wish list of features, show you a wide selection of homes listed in Multiple, and negotiate your offer. Call me, Gary, at 451-7653 or page me at 782-2890 if I can assist you. You can also reach me at home at 451-9857. The office is located at 2126 Pontoon Rd.

HINT: The best way to head off buyer's remorse is to stay informed of every phase of the buying process, so that rational understanding takes the place of emotional uncertainty.

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## NEWS

## IDOT approves new intersection

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The Illinois Department of Transportation has approved the location of a new intersection on Highway 203 north of Gateway International Raceway.

The intersection, to be built by the city, would connect Old Madison Road east of Hwy. 203 with the new Gateway National Golf Links and a frontage road west of the highway.

In a letter to Madison Mayor John Hamm, IDOT District Engineer James Easterly said the intersection access has been approved and a traffic study must be made to determine what kind of road-way improvement would be required because of the traffic generated.

Hamm said Wednesday that after repairing the frontage road, IDOT will transfer responsibility for it to the city.

"IDOT is going to do a jurisdictional transfer, but before they do that, I have a

letter that says they are going to do about \$85,000 worth of repairs to that frontage road."

Hamm also said the intersection would probably spur development in the area.

"We have a developer that is proposing hotels in the area south of the golf course and east of Illinois 203," Hamm said.

"It's in the conceptual stage at this point."

He declined to name the developer, but said the city should have some kind of firm commitment in the next few weeks.

"We did call them and they were pretty excited about the intersection coming in," he said.

The proposed development would also include a strip mall off Old Madison Road east of Hwy. 203, and could include another restaurant and hotel.

Jim Wessol, access permits engineer for IDOT, said after the traffic study, an interchange design study would be performed.

In related action, the Council approved three annexations.

The largest was 117 acres belonging to Waste Management Inc. The property is adjacent to the Metro East Sanitary District Canal and west of Highway 111.

The council also approved annexing 49 acres belonging to Gateway International Raceway. That land, which was condemned and taken by the Southwest Illinois Development Authority for use as parking for the racetrack, is next to the Whitehead property along Bend Road.

Racetrack developer Chris Pook has also expressed interest in purchasing part of the Whitehead property, which is owned by the city.

The city also annexed most of the MESD ditch between Hwys. 203 and 111.

Hamm said the city is also considering annexing some commercial property in East Madison at the intersection of Third Street and McCambridge.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

**GRANTS AVAILABLE:** Larry McCormick, president of the Granite City Scholarship Foundation, has announced that applications for the 1998 scholarship grants are available at the Granite City Senior High School counselor's office.

\$1,000. Applications must be postmarked by April 15.

**REGISTRATION:** Holy Family School, 1900 St. Clair Ave., will hold registration for full-day kindergarten and new students from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. on March 4 in the school cafeteria.

Uniform fittings and orders will be taken at those times.

Kindergartners must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 1998.

## Ondatra zibethicus invades City Hall

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Madison City Hall has a new resident, but Mayor John Hamm said Friday he personally plans to evict the tenant by the end of the weekend.

A muskrat has apparently crawled up from the sewer and was living under city hall.

Hamm said Alderman Eleanor Armour took him aside at Tuesday's Council meeting and said she saw a "huge" rat.

Another resident told him about the "rat" the next day.

Hamm was able to trap the rodent by covering him with a trash can, but when the animal control officer came to remove the pest, it slipped away.

"Five guys could not catch a muskrat," Hamm said.

Apparently the net used to catch dogs had been not tightly woven enough to trap the muskrat.

However, Hamm said he planned to personally take care of the aquatic rodent.

Mayor John Hamm  
Mighty trapper

"I'll have him before the weekend's out," he said.

The animal will eventually be released, probably in the Horseshoe Lake area, Hamm said.

## Council

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Avenue A minimum bid of \$25,000 was set for the Fourth Street property, and \$110,000 for the Third Street property.

The city's interest in disposing of the properties was heightened recently when a convenience store chain expressed "great" interest in locating somewhere in the city.

The council also recently rezoned much of the area along McCambridge Avenue for business use.

In other business, the council approved a three-year contract with police dispatchers giving

the dispatchers a \$1 per hour raise the first year, \$3.50 per hour the next year and \$2.50 the third. The contract also provides for a clothing allowance for the dispatchers.

The city is also negotiating with police officers.

The council also approved accepting the resignation of William L. Hoover from the Board of Police Commissioners.

In his resignation, Hoover cited personal reasons for leaving the board. Hamm said he planned to appoint a new member in the next few weeks.

## 2 former residents among Florida dead

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

The brother of a Granite City man and another former resident are among those reported dead from the tornadoes that hit central Florida.

Claude Staggs, 71, brother of George Staggs of Granite City, was reported killed when an estimated six to 10 twisters hit the Kissimmee, Fla. area Monday.

Thirty-nine people were killed in the storms.

Claude Staggs went through the Granite City school system and then entered the military.

In later years, he and his wife lived for the past 26 years in St. Peters, Mo.

Theda Kahn also went through Granite City schools. Her husband worked for the old Schultz Birch Bakery before being transferred to St. Clair Shores, Mich. in 1959.

Several family members, including Glenna Staggs, wife of George Staggs, had lived in the Staggs in Florida the past

(See STORMS, Page 7A)

## Items on sale at celebrity auction

If you would like to own an autographed picture, possibly the next president of the United States, then you will want to put in a bid at the Celebrity Auction, to be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., March 4-5, in the cafeteria of Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, 4859 Maryville Road.

The auction is being sponsored by Alpha Kappa Kappa, the chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College.

The majority of the proceeds from the auction will go toward the Madison County AIDS Program.

Among the auction items will be autographed pictures of Vice President Al Gore, Elizabeth Taylor and Bill Cosby.

Autographed baseballs signed by Atlanta Braves pitcher Tom Glavine and former Cardinals shortstop Ozzie Smith and tickets from the St. Louis Cardinals, the St. Louis Symphony, the Repertory Theater of St. Louis, and the St. Louis Science Center.

Auction items will be placed on tables with bid sheets next to each item.

For more information on the auction, call the Granite City Campus at 931-0060, ext. 654.

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# Corps official says dust is safe

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

An official from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has assured Madison aldermen that radioactive dust in one of the buildings of Spectrulte Consortium Inc. poses no danger to residents or workers.

Lou Dell'Orco, deputy project manager for the Corps' Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program, and two Spectrulte officials met with the board before Tuesday's council meeting.

The Corps is making plans to remove low-level radioactive dust from the building over a two-year period. The dust is left over from uranium processing in one of the site's buildings almost 30 years ago.

The building — then owned by Dow Metal Products — actually sits on the Venice-Madison border and was used for uranium extraction and reactor rod straightening in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The work was done for Mallinckrodt Inc.

Initial studies showed about 10 cubic

*'The only way there would be a problem is if somebody literally goes up there and eats it.'*

Lou Dell'Orco  
deputy project manager

yards of dust that must be removed from overhead beams.

The cost of the removal is estimated at about \$1.5 million, and would be done over several years. For all PUSAP projects in the St. Louis area, the total cost is expected to be about \$380 million.

The first phase, at a cost of about \$500,000, would be a detailed study of the site. That work is scheduled for this summer.

The actual removal would be done the following year using a high-efficiency vac-

uum.

Alderman Michael Vrabec asked if the dust posed a health problem for area residents or workers.

Dell'Orco said the radiation is at the "background" level, similar to what someone would experience naturally. He said workers would normally be exposed to about 300 millirems of radiation per year "just by breathing" in a nonradioactive environment. Exposure to the dust would raise that level to about 300.01.

"There is no risk to the workers," he said. "The only way there would be a problem is if somebody literally goes up there and eats it."

He also said in the event of an emergency, firefighters would need no special equipment or clothing for protection other than their normal turn-out gear.

Mayor John Hamlin asked what would happen if the dust was knocked off the beams.

Dell'Orco said if that happened, the Corps would go in on an emergency basis and remove the dust.

# Park's next tour is 'peach' of a deal

"Georgia's Gardens and Games" is the next extended trip to be offered by the Granite City Park District, on April 6-9.

The trip will go on sale at the Wilson Park Ice Rink on Wednesday.

The Atlanta area is the destination for the four-day trip, which will include good meals and outstanding attractions.

Dinner on the first day will be at one of Atlanta's favorites — Mary Mac's Tea Room. The southern supper will be followed by a tour of Atlanta that will include Peachtree Street from the suburbs to the city.

A tour will be offered of the CNN headquarters, along with Turner Field, home of the Atlanta Braves and the dramatic opening and closing ceremonies of the 1996 Olympic Games.

Lunch will be at Underground Atlanta before heading for Callaway Gardens, 1200 acres of woodlands, lakes and gardens where a interpreter will be our guide. Dinner will be at the Plantation Room in the gardens.

Day three will be in Rome, Ga., with an extended tour of Berry College and its 28,000-acre campus.

The founder and wealthy plantation owner, Martha Berry, spent her entire life providing hope and education for the unfortunate children of the area. This magnificent tour will include a picnic basket lunch on the campus.

After Berry College the group will travel to Barnsley Gardens which is being restored to its 1840's splendor.

A local tour escort will accompany the group during the entire Atlanta stay.

Residents of the Park District will have priority in making reservations with proof of

residence necessary for everyone making the trip, unless husband and wife.

Only one room of one to four people may be reserved by a single person. Nonresidents at the rink will placed on a waiting list immediately. Those wanting to register by phone may call after noon on Wednesday.

The cost of the trip is \$378 per person for a single, \$300 per person for a double, \$274 each for a triple room and \$260 each for a four to a room. All costs must be paid at the time of registration.

# Venice naval officer heads ship's program

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

A former Venice resident has gained another first during Black History Month.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Stacey Elaine Brown Toney, daughter of Cynthia Ann Crawford, was selected by her commanding officer to head up her ship's black history program.

It was the first such program ever for the crew of the USS Resolute, based at Norfolk Naval Base, Va.

The program was held Friday at the base.

"I'm a very proud mother," Crawford said.

Toney graduate from Venice High School in June 1989 and joined the Navy in October that year.

She trained at Orlando, Fla. and now is a damage control specialist on the Resolute.

If something goes wrong on the ship, Toney is the one who tackles the problem, her mother said.

Her Navy training will take her far.

"She said when she gets out she wants to be a firefighter," Crawford said.

Toney also is a recent recipient of the Navy Achievement Medal, Crawford said.

The program Toney chaired was dedicated to a Dorie Miller, a little known and unsung hero. When Imperial Japan attacked Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, mess attendant Dorie Miller

was collecting laundry on the battleship USS West Virginia.

As Japanese planes roared overhead, Miller rushed on deck, manned a machine gun and began firing at the attackers.

Before being ordered to abandon ship, Miller shot down four enemy planes.

Miller's exploit made him the first hero of the war and within six months he Admiral Chester Nimitz personally awarded Miller the Navy Cross for extraordinary courage.

What made his feat remarkable was that Miller, like most black men at that time, was serving in a segregated Navy that had given him no training in the operation of weapons.

After receiving the Navy Cross, Miller was sent around the country to promote the sale of war bonds. When this ended, he was returned to the Pacific theater to serve again as a mess attendant.

In 1943, his ship, the USS Liscomb Bay, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine and sank with all hands. Miller was 24 years old.

After the war, legislation was twice introduced and defeated to award Miller the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Therefore, Toney and the rest of the Resolute dedicated their first Black History program "In Loving Memory of Dorie Miller."

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## Granite war memorial to receive much-needed facelift

The Greater Granite City War Memorial is getting the facelift to further honor the

fallen heroes of the Tri-City War Memorial. The U.S. Corps of Engineers said OHM Corp. will be performing the work to get the park ready for Memorial Day.

The work will include: cleaning and painting the fountain, removing some bushes and planting new ones, taking out old trees, removing the soil and cleaning the monument, among other things. The revitalizing and rejuvenation work is being done with the cooperation of the Granite City Park District. Bloodworth said he and OHM Corp. are doing this for the veterans who died in service.

— Scott Kelly

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## Repairs dominate village meeting

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A complaint about road repair lead to a series of brief arguments at Tuesday's Pontoon Beach Village Board meeting.

At the end of the meeting Paula Price, who lives in the 4900 block of Oak Ridge, complained that she had tried for some time to have repairs done on Luehmann Lane.

She told the board she was trying to sell her house, but having prospective buyers damage their cars made it difficult.

Trustee Bob Vincent said workers had patched the road that day, and it was on the vil-

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lage's list to be oiled and chipped sometime in the summer.

She complained that the road was not chipped frequently enough, and should be fixed sooner.

Vincent told her village roads were done on a rotating basis, and that roads could not be oiled and chipped until summer.

The argument continued for a few minutes, after which the meeting was adjourned.

In other matters, Trustee Randy Presswood questioned (See VILLAGE, Page 7A)

## Variety Club Telethon starts earlier this year

There are a few changes to the 32nd annual Variety Club Telethon.

For the first time, the telethon will begin on a Friday. This year's program will run from 10:30 p.m. to midnight Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. It will be followed by Dinner with the Stars, the Variety Club's premier black-tie gala.

The Temptations and Four Tops will perform at the gala, which will honor the 1998 Man and Woman of the Year, John E. Jacob and Janet McAfee Weakley.

Weakley, a native of St. Louis, is president of her own company, Janet McAfee Inc. Real Estate. She is a member of the boards of directors of AmerenUE and Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and serves on the National Bank management advisory board.

She is a founding member of the St. Louis Forum and a member of the Missouri Women's Forum. She serves as a trustee for the St. Louis Regional Educational and Public Television Commission and is chairwoman of the St. Louis Art Museum board of trustees.

Weakley received a bachelor of arts degree from Smith College in Northampton, Mass.

Jacob is the executive vice president and chief communications officer at Anheuser-Busch Inc. He joined the company in 1994. Jacob served for 12 years as president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League.

Jacob serves on the Anheuser-Busch board of directors and is a member of the company's strategy committee. Over the years, Jacob has served on the corporate boards of Coca-Cola Enterprises, LTV Corp., NYNEX New York, Continental Corp. and National Westminster Bank.



Weakley Jacob

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He is chairman emeritus of the board at Howard University in Washington, D.C., where he earned both his bachelor of arts and master's degrees. He was commissioned in 1957 as 2nd Lt. Infantry-Airborne in the U.S. Army.

The Dinner with the Stars will be in the St. Louis Ballroom at the Adam's Mark Hotel. The event will begin at 8 p.m. with cocktails followed by dinner and entertainment by the Temptations and Four Tops.

The St. Louis Variety Club is a nonprofit organization that helps provide a better quality of life for thousands of disabled and disadvantaged children in the St. Louis area.

Founded in 1932, the St. Louis Variety Club over the past six decades has raised more than \$47 million through its annual telethon.

Capt. Keith J. Lucas

## War

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Ruebhausen was killed during the Vietnam War in a training mission.

"It has newspaper articles and pictures of them so you can put faces and names together and understand what they went through," said Debbie McCunney, a supervisor at the Granite City Post Office.

"You can read about such people as the first person who died from the area (in World War II), Fireman and Class Eugene W. Morley ... of Madison.

"You can read about Army Air Force Tech Sgt. Christopher Domitrovich, who served overseas 13 months. His plane was shot down, and he was behind enemy lines for 38 days, managed to make it out — and then died when his plane crashed into the Empire State Building (in 1945)," she said.

McCunney finished the ceremony reading a poem written by Teddy Roosevelt, a hero of Lucas.

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# OBITUARIES

**Jimmie Mayes**  
JIMMIE O. MAYES, 90, of Granite City died at 8:23 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, 1998, at her residence, all her children present.

Mrs. Mayes was born on April 12, 1907, in Powderly, Ky. She had been a homemaker and a member of the Bethel Chapel in Granite City, and Gold Star Mothers.

Survivors include four daughters, Wilma Lee, Dornalee Peach, and Peggy Mayes all of Granite City, and Rosalie King of Wilsonville; two sons, Winston Mayes of Granite City, and Gary Mayes of Madison; one sister, Virginia Craft of Palm Springs, Calif.; 23 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Mayes; her parents, Atlas and Nellie (Ford) Motes; two sons, Herman and Donald Mayes; one daughter, Nellie King; one sister, Vivian Page; and four brothers, Elmer Motes, Kenneth Motes, Dennis Motes, and Lindell Motes.

Services were Feb. 18, at Thomas Chapel in Granite City with Rev. Leon Bell officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

**Catherine E. Papin**  
CATHERINE E. PAPIN, 93, of St. Genevieve died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998, at St. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Papin was born on Sept. 4, 1904, in Enfield. She had been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, V.F.W. Auxiliary, WWI Auxiliary, Hospital Auxiliary, Queens Daughters, Royal Neighbors of America Schrock Camp (3874), and Survivors include her children, Thomas M. Papin, John Alma and Marvin Papin of St. Genevieve; Eugene Papin of Bryan, Ohio; two sons, Mildred Dallas and Rosalia Gumb both of Granite City; one brother, Daimian Caffrey of Granite City; and ten grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Papin, her parents, James and Anna (Unfried) Caffrey three sons, Adrian, Justin, and James Papin; and two sisters, Anna Papin and Juliana Schmidt.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Church of St. Genevieve, with Rev. John Deken and Deacon George Wood officiating. Burial was at Valley Spring Catholic Church.

Stanton-Wood Mortuary handled the arrangements.

**Emma Miller**  
EMMA M. MILLER, 84, of Edwardsville died at 9:10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Mrs. Miller was born on April 28,

1913, in Granite City. She had been a member of the St. Jacob United Church of Christ in St. Jacob and First Christian Church in Edwardsville.

Survivors include two nephews, Larry Segar of Worden and Dale Segar of Edwardsville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Emma (Buehr) Miller; one brother, Walter Miller; one sister, Dorothy Segar.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, March 1, at Pletcher Funeral Home in Edwardsville.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 2, at the Pletcher Funeral Home, with Rev. Bob Goodfard officiating. Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the Madison County Shelter Care in Edwardsville.

**Mattie Williams**  
MATTIE WALKER WILLIAMS, 96, of Madison died on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City.

Survivors include one daughter, Gladys Williams of Madison; one son, Freddie Williams of Madison; one sister, Thelma Ford of Chicago; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 28, at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Madison, with Rev. John C. Owens officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Millstadt.

Officer Funeral Home Metro East handled the arrangements.

**Lena Rush**  
LENA STANBACK RUSH, 70, died Monday, Feb. 16, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City.

Survivors include aunt, Ella Dell Cofer, uncle, Tommy Brown; niece, Barbara Brown; and dear friend, Mary Montgomery.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Millstadt.

Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel handled the arrangements.

**Vincent Zabotka**  
VINCENT (ADAM) "ZABO" ZABOTKA, 67, of Marine Twp. died at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1998.

Mr. Zabotka was born on Feb. 6, 1931, in Madison. He had been a U.S. Air Force Veteran, retired crane operator from Granite City Steel; and cattle farmer.

Survivors include sisters, Adele Wasylak and Eleanor Vrabec of Madison; and one brother, Edward Zabotka of Madison.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Theresa (Wyskalski) Zabotka; and his parents, Adam and Frances (Zoner) Zabotka.

Services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Marine, with Rev. James Finch officiating. Burial was at St. Charles Cemetery in Du Bois.

Spengel-Boutanger Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

**Edmund Crowell**  
EDMUND E. CROWELL, 72, of Collinsville died Thursday, Feb. 26,

1998. He was born Dec. 23, 1925, in East St. Louis.

Mr. Crowell was a retired paramilitary at Fairmount Park and a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and Paramutual Local 624, Division of Local 50 in Collinsville.

Survivors include his wife, Ann (Dorciniec) Crowell; two sons, Roger Crowell of Collinsville and Dr. John Crowell of Encinitas, Calif.; three grandchildren, Melissa Crowell, Sonya Crowell and Mark Crowell, all of Oakdale, La.; two brothers, William Crowell of Belleville and Walter Crowell of Pontoon Beach; and two sisters, Mary Clark of Collinsville and Doris Elkins of O'Fallon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wyatt and Mary (Rau) Crowell.

Visitation will be from 3:30 to 8 p.m. today, March 1, at Herbert Kasky Funeral Home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 2, proceeding from Herbert Kasky Funeral Home to St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church for a 10:30 a.m. Mass with the Rev. Robert Morris officiating. Burial will be in Nativity of the Virgin Mary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested in the form of Masses or to the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church in Madison.

**Sophia Kreider**  
SOPHIA (JASUDOWICZ) KREIDER, 89, of Granite City died Monday, Feb. 9, 1998, in the Collinsville Care Center. She was born Aug. 6, 1908, in Marissa.

Mrs. Kreider was a bookkeeper at Mercantile Bank in St. Louis and a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church, Third Order of Secular Franciscan at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Ann Sedalia, Young at Heart and St. Mary's Ministry of Prayer.

Survivors include two daughters,

Charlotte Jurack of Granite City and Margaret McDaniel of Collinsville; two sisters, Francis Beans of Lakeview, Ark., and Ann Antoina of Lincoln; two brothers, Stanley Jasudowicz of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Raymond Jadwick of Royalty, Okla.; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Kreider; her parents, Michael Agnes (Zapart) Jasudowicz; and one sister, Helen High.

Services were Friday, Feb. 13, at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

**Jean Burdel**  
JEAN (PLAZA) BURDEL, of Belleville, formerly of Fairmont City, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 1998, at St. Paul's Home, in Belleville.

Mrs. Burdel was a member of the Holy Rosary Church and the Holy Rosary Ladies Sodality.

Survivors include her daughter, Janet Range of Belleville; two grandchildren, Lisa Range of Belleville, and Jeffrey Range of Paderborn; one great-grandson, Joseph Range; and one sister, Helen Kielelinski of Fairmont City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Burdel; her parents, Joseph and Victoria (Kie) Plaza; one brother, Walter Plaza; and one sister, Mary Skiera.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Holy Rosary Church in Fairmont City, with the Rev. David Wilke officiating. Burial was in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials may be made to the Holy Rosary Endowment Fund or to the Alzheimer's Association, St. Louis Chapter.

Kasky Mortuary handled the arrangements.

# BIRTHS

**Allissa Davison**  
ROBERT AND KITTY DAVISON of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Allissa Renee was born at 8:12 a.m. Jan. 10, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Shannon Walsh and Alba Walsh, both of Granite City.

Bill and Cecilia Davison of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

**Jeremy Erickson**  
ROBERT AND DEBORAH ERICKSON of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Jeremy Ross was born at 12:52 p.m. Oct. 18, 1997, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Clara Popovchak of Granite City and the late William

Popovchak.

Paternal grandparents are Irene Erickson of Kerkhoven, Minn., and the late Wilton Erickson.

**Kourtney Cicio**  
JERRY CICIO AND LIZ HARRIS of Granite City have announced the birth of a daughter.

Kourtney Mackenzie was born at 11:10 p.m. Oct. 22, 1997, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. She weighed 7 pounds.

Her maternal grandparents are Jim and Joella Harris of Granite City.

Jerry and Bev Cicio and Karen Stairs, all of Granite City, are the paternal grandparents.

**Adrienne Hines**  
GREG AND PAMELA HINES of Granite City have announced the birth of their fourth child, a daughter.

Adrienne Summer was born at 12:50 a.m. Jan. 12, 1998, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center

in Granite City. She weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and joins Max, 10, Vincent, 8, and Kyle, 5.

Tom and Janie Hines of Manila, Philippines, are the maternal grandparents.

The paternal grandparents are Lloyd and Jeannie Brown of Granite City.

**Braydon Basola**  
MARK AND STACY BASOLA of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Braydon Ray was born at 8:43 p.m. Jan. 15, 1998, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and joins sister, Bailey.

His maternal grandparents are Jerry and Carole Ritchie of Granite City.

Albert and Betty Basola of Collinsville are the paternal grandparents.

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The Childbirth Refresher Class is designed to give experienced parents updated information about the latest trends in labor, delivery and newborn care. Limited to those who will deliver at Memorial, this class is held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. \$5 per couple fee. For more information, call 257-5855.

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This class addresses questions about vaginal births after cesarean (VBAC) and why VBAC's can be safer than repeat cesarean deliveries for both mother and baby. You also will learn how to maximize your chances of having a vaginal birth. Class meets 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. It is free to those attending Prepared Childbirth or Refresher Classes (we strongly recommend attending these as well) or \$5 fee per couple if not taking these classes. Call 257-5855 to register.

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doctor, home and toy safety, returning to work, finding a good babysitter and traveling with baby. Held from 7 to 9 p.m. on the third and fourth Wednesday of every month, this class has a \$5 per couple fee. Call 257-5855 to register.

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Memorial Maternity Center offers a Sibling Class to make it easier for big brothers and sisters to prepare for and accept a new baby. This class is designed for children ages 3 through 12 and meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Limited to children whose sibling will be born at Memorial Maternity Center. \$2 per child fee. Class size is limited and reservations are requested. Call 257-5855.

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# NEWS

## Students excel at Lincoln

Dawn Zaruba, daughter of Robert and Patricia Zaruba of Granite City, and Sara Curran, daughter of Michael and Joyce Curran of Granite City, have been nominated to serve as Admissions Ambassadors for the 1997-1998 academic year at Lincoln College in Lincoln, Ill. Ambassadors are nominated by professors and administrators at the college based on their scholastic achievement and their demonstrated leadership on campus. Ambassadors attend special events held at the college, host visiting high school students, plan student activities and serve as an active voice of the student body. Dawn Zaruba and Sara Curran are graduates from Granite City Senior High School.

## Births

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pounds, 7 ounces and joins Jaime, 3.

Ed and Donna Smith of Madison are the maternal grandparents.

The paternal grandparents are Danny and Kathy Poston of Madison.

**Apollonia Dillier** and **Michael and Monica Dillier** of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Apollonia Marie was born at 4:55 p.m. Jan. 18, 1998, at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Louis and Florence Reznack of Granite City.

Michael Dillier and Lorraine

Dillier, both of Granite City, are the paternal grandparents.

**Aderian Zimblemann** and **Keith and Chrystal Zimblemann** of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter.

Aderian Nicole was born at 4:11 p.m. Jan. 21, 1998, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and joins Keith, 2, and Travis, 1.

Elmer and Alice Hull of Granite City are the maternal grandparents.

The paternal grandparents are Harry Zimblemann of Cottage Hills and Etta Solomon of Hardin.

## Poker

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out" on them is contrary to state gambling law against games of chance.

"We're not interested in the common man making a friendly bet on a football game, or the common man buying a 50-50 ticket, or raffles or anything else," Haine said. "The target is this growth of widespread, pervasive illegal gambling. This is a different type of gamble. These are predominantly gambling machines with no skill involved."

Haine said he would not "ride around the county like Eliot Ness raiding taverns and lodges." He said he expects a clear and consistent policy to

emerge regarding the machines throughout the county.

He said he has heard complaints from people who ask what difference there is between machines and the Alton Belle Casino.

The difference, Haine said, is that the machines are not regulated, paving the way for corruption.

"This law has been on the books for decades, and it's been flouted for decades," Haine said. "The reason is that we prosecutors and law enforcement officers don't typically like to interfere in pri-

vate activities."

He said he did not start the campaign against the machines, but that he intends to finish it.

"I didn't go looking for this. The Collinsville cases just came rolling in the door," Collinsville police began the case against Clover after a traffic stop. They confiscated 25 machines from his business, Mike's Vending of Collinsville, that were set up at various locations in the county in early February.

On Feb. 18, Collinsville police seized 24 more machines from four locations in the city.

## Village

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several items on a bill by Village Attorney Brian Polinske.

One of the items was a 12-minute conversation with a newspaper reporter over recent legal action involving a group home in the village. Presswood criticized the bill, but Polinske argued that it

was village business.

"What am I supposed to do, say 'no comment' and leave it at that?" Polinske said.

Several other items were also discussed and dealt with. The board also approved an ordinance making it illegal to park in fire lanes. According to the ordinance, fines can range from \$50-\$500, and vehicles can be towed if they interfere with fire department operations.

## Case

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The case was investigated by the East St. Louis Police Department, the Illinois State Police officers assigned to the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also participated in the undercover transaction involving the sale of the firearm.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. District Attorney Susanne M. Wissmann.

In an unrelated case and Alton man was sentenced to life in prison for directing a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Carletos Elroy Hardamon, 27, was convicted Sept. 18 in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis.

Hardamon and three co-defendants ran a crack house in Alton between July and December 1996. Hardamon, a Chicago resident, supplied approximately 3½ pounds of crack cocaine to the Alton house.

Hardamon was on parole for a state narcotics trafficking conviction at the time of his arrest. He had served three years of a seven-year sentence for dealing crack in Decatur in 1992. He was paroled in 1995.

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# White supremacist charged with weapons violations

By Ande Yakstis  
and Paul Brinkmann  
Telegraph staff writers

A Wood River man who has ties to white supremacist groups has been charged along with two other Illinois men with possessing machine guns and destructive devices.

The federal charges were filed in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis against Dennis M. McGiffen, 35, of the 700 block of East Ferguson Ave., Wood River, Ralph P. Bock, 27, of rural Jerseyville, and Wallace S. Weicherding, 64, of Salem.

McGiffen concealed at a house on Ferguson grenades, a pipe bomb and an AR-15 machine gun converted to fire as an automatic weapon, according to a court complaint.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Norman Smith filed the complaint against the men after federal

agents raided McGiffen's Wood River home Feb. 23.

Twenty agents of the FBI and a unit of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms swarmed into the house and hauled away long-barreled guns, computers, Ku Klux Klan emblems and a wooden

cross.

Agents simultaneously searched the home of McGiffen's mother in the 800 block of Ferguson and another house in the 100 block of Cooper Avenue in East Alton.

McGiffen, Bock and Weicherding conspired among them-

selves and with others to possess machine guns and destructive devices "and to knowingly make machine guns," the complaint charges.

Smith asked U.S. Magistrate Judge Clifford Proud to order the three defendants held with-

out bond because he said they were "a danger to the community."

"These are very serious charges," Proud told the three defendants and ordered them held, pending a bond hearing Friday.

On Nov. 8, 1997, McGiffen and Weicherding drove to

Rockford to pick up a machine gun and bring it back to the Wood River area, according to the federal complaint.

McGiffen appeared in federal court Tuesday in an orange jumpsuit from the St. Clair County Jail where he is held in the federal lockup.

## Anti-hate group here monitored

By Paul A. Brinkmann  
Telegraph staff writer

The federal case against Wood River white supremacist Dennis McGiffen and two other Illinois men is getting national attention.

An official with an Alabama agency that monitors racial hate groups said Thursday he has a lot of background information on Dennis McGiffen and one of his cohorts, Wallace Weicherding of Salem.

"They have both been connected to the Ku Klux Klan for years," said Joe Roy, director of the Intelligence Project for the Southern Poverty Law Clinic in Montgomery, Ala.

In fact, Roy said McGiffen, 35, and Weicherding, 64, are very much a part of one faction of the KKK, an offshoot of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan based in Harrison, Ark.

A Internet website on the offshoot group lists McGiffen as the "Imperial Nighthawk." A third man charged in the case, Ralph P. Bock of Jerseyville, apparently is not known nationally as a white supremacist.

The three men face federal charges of conspiring to make pipe bombs, grenades and machine guns. Several such items were seized Monday from McGiffen's home in the 700 block of Ferguson Street in Wood River.

Roy said he is not surprised that people with KKK connections have been charged with making bombs.

"Criminal activity is no stranger to the Klan. Historically, the Klan has been responsible for murders, lynchings and bombings."

Roy said the Klan and other interested parties are monitoring the Wood River case. He said there are no indications the local case is part of a nationwide phenomenon.

KKK activities are complex because there are so many offshoot groups and factions, Roy said.

The oldest faction, led by Thomas Robb of Harrison, is called the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. It's most famous member was David Duke, who ran for national political office in Louisiana.

The faction that McGiffen belongs to is also called Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. But it broke off of the Robb faction in 1994. Its leader's name is Troy Murphy.

The Murphy-McGiffen faction broke away from the Robb faction because they believe Robb is too conservative.

Weicherding has a long history with KKK affiliation.

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Voellinger

## Caray will be remembered for his role

The baseball season arrived in a most unusual way in 1998 when major league training camps opened without one of the game's greatest ambassadors — Harry Caray.

By now you may have grown weary of the tributes to the 83-year-old St. Louis native, but I wonder if anyone who enjoyed Harry's rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" ever will be able to take a seven-inning stretch without thinking of the longtime Cardinals and Cubs broadcaster. (No, I did not forget Oakland or the Chicago White Sox.)

While the Cubs reportedly are considering playing a tape of Harry at games this season, the Cards would be wise to add his likeness to a flag near those of its Hall of Famers at Busch Stadium.

Is there an end to the Caray stories? Not here. I first met the man in 1969, years after he had accepted my childhood with radio accounts of games. Our meeting occurred at a time when I was among the stringers used to keep scores for United Press International at Cardinals games.

Apparently, my boss, the late Leo Soriano, had broken the story nationwide that Harry had been fired by the Cardinals. Little did I know as I sat at the UPI area at press row that Harry would come flying off the elevator prior to a game seeking the writer who had written as fact what had been rumored for some time....

On another occasion, this time on the elevator, and years later while Harry was with the Cubs, I met him on the clubhouse level, ignored reference to our first meeting and congratulated him for his comeback from a stroke.

That's about the time a Cardinals fan and her disabled husband got on the elevator — a matter that led to my writing a column about the "Lady in Red" who so enjoyed not only meeting Harry but getting his autograph.

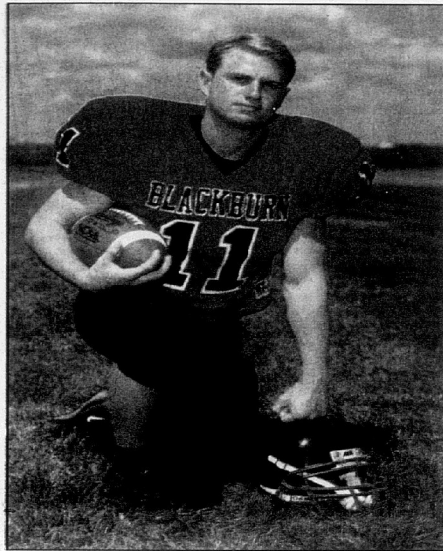
This is not to say Caray was all humility. Often his "He Popped It Up!" said with disgust left as much an impression as "Holy Cow" or his call of a home run — "It might be...."

Harry knew how to catch the listener, and he was not about to be outdone even when he competed with the print media.

How well I recall the latter when, after a Cardinals victory, some reporters on their trek from the press box to the clubhouse wondered aloud if pitcher Bob Gibson would be speaking to the press that night.

"He'll speak for this," said Caray while reaching into his pocket and displaying two \$50 bills.

(See VOELLINGER, Page 3B)



Blackburn College receiver Donald Harris, from Granite City, caught 21 passes for 333 yards this past fall.

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The Salem Super-Sectional Showdown between two of downstate's premier girls basketball teams became a reality Thursday night as both Taylorville and East St. Louis Lincoln claimed sectional tournament titles.

The Tigerettes (29-2), who advanced to the Super-Sectional for the first time since 1992, will meet the Lady Tornados (30-1), the defending Class AA state runner-up, at Salem on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Lincoln ran the table at the Centralia Sectional Complex, clipping slightly favored Mount Vernon (32-2) 74-65 in the finale at Trout Gym.

Despite LaKeisha Cole's game-high 30 points, the real hero for the Tigerettes was Kytta Walker. With Lincoln

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leading 50-47 at the 1:35 mark of the third quarter, Walker drained a pressure 3-pointer to move the Tigerettes ahead by six. Walker then scored seven of her team's first nine points in the fourth quarter, keeping Lincoln in front 61-55 with 3:23 to play.

Monica Powell and Leletha Eckford also came up big down the stretch for the Tigerettes as, in the end, Lincoln's balance was simply too much for the Lady Rams.

"The difference in the ballgame tonight was that whenever we needed a big play, a big basket, a turnover, a rebound or whatever it was, we had somebody step up and make the play," said Lincoln coach Charles McDonald.

But Mount Vernon coach Sara Rennie gave most of the credit to the Tigerettes' strong back court.

"Their guards hurt us with their quickness, and we made more mistakes tonight than we normally do," Rennie said. "Plus, we missed shots we normally don't miss, and in a game like this, it comes back to haunt you."

With Rita Adams in early foul trouble for the Tigerettes, Cole took charge, putting in 17 first half points to stake Lincoln to a slim 37-35 advantage. And, despite coach McDonald's displeasure with one player scoring so many points in one game, Lincoln needed every one of Cole's 30 points on the night to hold off a strong Mount Vernon team.

The Gelbarto Sectional Complex featured the added drama of former Taylorville coach Curt Dobbs, now at Olney, visiting Richland, taking on his old school with an underrated but under-

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American Scholar award.

Despite his athletic and academic credentials, the thing most impressive about Harris, to those who know him best, is his character.

"It just jumps out at you," said Chinn. "In my 16 years as a coach, Donald Harris is the best individual I have ever been around. He is an outstanding young man. You can't miss this young man's exemplary character. It has enabled him to provide a lot of crucial leadership for our team — he leads, he guides, he helps the younger kids, and without being asked. Like I said, his character just jumps out at you, and not just on the field. I mean everywhere. Off the field, as well as on the field. One more Donald Harris on the team this year and we would have had a winning season. He's incredible."

Chinn is not alone in singing the praises of Harris.

The young man from Granite City is popular on the Blackburn campus.

"It's not really what he does that impresses you, though that is impressive," said Chinn. "But what he does is just an extension of who he is. He does what he does because he is who he is. That's what impresses you about Donald, who he is."

That is, perhaps, the greatest thing Harris will take with him from his four years at Blackburn. The same thing he took there with him four years ago. The thing behind all the achievement, all the success, all the honors. Character.

# Lincoln, Taylorville to meet in Super-Sectional

## Blues' Woodcock works for the fans

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

There should be a marker outside the door of St. Louis Blues executive Jim Woodcock that reads "a vice president for the people, created by the people."

Since being named the Blues senior vice president of marketing and communications in February of 1997, Woodcock has returned the organization back to the fans.

Prior to the arrival of president Mark Sauer and Woodcock, the franchise was almost in a state of disarray. It was almost as if the team had lost its identity and did not know what direction to go in.

Woodcock, a 1978 graduate of Collinsville High and former sports editor for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois, knew some immediate changes needed to be made, but he did not want to do something half-heartedly. He organized some formal luncheons in the Kiel Club and invited the season-ticket holders.

"We had no agenda. We had no message points we wanted to deliver to them," Wood-

cock said. "A lot of them had never been in the Kiel Club before because they were season-ticket holders who would not club seat members. They were excited to participate and have a voice in the direction of the new St. Louis Blues."

Woodcock had a good idea what concerns those season-ticket holders would have since he had been a season-ticket holder himself for years.

"Before all of that occurred, I whispered to Mark Sauer, 'Here is what you are going to hear today.' By and large, I was pretty much on target and that is only because of my many years of being an ardent St. Louis Blues fan. I was rarely surprised at anything I heard. It was just good to hear it reinforced in mass versus one new guy in the front office yacking as soon as he gets in about all the changes that need to be made."

"I thought most everything we did needed to be done quickly because we, the St. Louis Blues, suffered some serious hemorrhaging

(See WOODCOCK, Page 3B)



Former Journal editor Jim Woodcock recently celebrated one year on the job as Blues senior vice president of marketing and communications.

## The 1998 Cardinals Promotions Lineup

**Opening Day Busch Magnet Schedule Day (All fans 21 & over\*)**

Tuesday, March 31 vs. Los Angeles Dodgers..... 3:10

**Busch Magnet Schedule Night (All fans 21 & over\*)**

Friday, April 3 vs. San Diego Padres..... 7:10

**Coca-Cola / Schedules Bar Bag and Kids' Opening Day (All fans 15 & under\*)**

Saturday, April 4 vs. San Diego Padres..... 1:10

**Shell Travel Mug Night (1st 25,000 fans 15 & over\*)**

Friday, April 17 vs. Philadelphia Phillies..... 7:10

**Hunter Hodgego Bob Gibson Pin Day (1st 30,000 fans\*)**

Saturday, April 18 vs. Philadelphia Phillies..... 7:10

**Kansas City Life Insurance Carol Ser Day (All fans 15 & under\*)**

Sunday, April 19 vs. Philadelphia Phillies..... 1:10

**Bad Light Cap Night (1st 25,000 fans 21 & over\*)**

Friday, May 15 vs. Florida Marlins..... 7:10

**Coca-Cola/Shell Cap Day (All fans 15 & under\*)**

Sunday, May 17 vs. Florida Marlins..... 1:10

**Saint Louis Zoo "Stretch The Ostrich" Beanie Baby Night (1st 20,000 fans 15 & under\*)**

Friday, May 22 vs. San Francisco Giants..... 7:10

**Coca-Cola / Dierbergs T-Shirt Day (All fans 15 & under\*)**

Sunday, May 24 vs. San Francisco Giants..... 1:10

**Six Flags Day (All fans 10 & under\*)**

Monday, May 25 vs. Colorado Rockies..... 1:10

**Badweiser Freezer Mug Night (1st 25,000 fans 21 & over\*)**

Friday, June 5 vs. San Francisco Giants..... 7:10

**The Pasta House Company / Coca-Cola Pennant Day #1 (All fans 15 & under\*)**

Sunday, June 7 vs. San Francisco Giants..... 1:10

**Super Pretzel Bike Bag Day (All fans 15 & under\*)**

Sunday, June 21 vs. Arizona Diamondbacks..... 1:10

**AMC Theatres Keychain Night (1st 25,000 fans 16 & over\*)**

Friday, June 5 vs. San Francisco Giants..... 7:10

**Tuesday, June 23 vs. Detroit Tigers..... 7:10**

**Bad Light "Beer Bone" Glass Night (1st 25,000 fans 21 & over\*)**

Friday, July 10 vs. Houston Astros..... 7:10

**Christian Family Day (For tickets call 314-227-9788)**

Saturday, July 11 vs. Houston Astros..... 12:15

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**Ice Mountain Train Poster Day (All fans 15 & under\*)**

Saturday, July 18 vs. Los Angeles Dodgers..... 3:05

**Coca-Cola/Wal-Mart Player Cap Night (All fans 15 & under\*)**

Sunday, July 19 vs. Los Angeles Dodgers..... 7:05

**Six Flags Senior Citizen Night (All fans 55 & over\*)**

Wednesday, July 29 vs. Milwaukee Brewers..... 7:10

**Southwest Airlines Destination Day (All fans 15 & over\*)**

Friday, August 8 vs. Chicago Cubs..... 12:15

**BBC Health System "Smoochy the Frog" Beanie Baby Night (1st 20,000 fans 15 & under\*)**

Friday, August 14 vs. Pittsburgh Pirates..... 7:10

**Camera Night (All fans with a camera)**

Saturday, August 15 vs. Pittsburgh Pirates..... 7:10

**Powerade/Target T-Shirt Day (All fans 15 & under\*)**

Sunday, August 16 vs. Pittsburgh Pirates..... 1:10

**Pasta House Company/Coca-Cola Pennant Day #2 (All fans 15 & under\*)**

Sunday, September 6 vs. Cincinnati Reds..... 1:10

**Fan Appreciation Day (All fans\*)**

Sunday, September 21 vs. Montreal Expos..... 1:10

**Ameritech Pin Series (The first 30,000 fans\*)**

Tuesday, April 14 vs. Arizona Diamondbacks..... 7:10

**Monday, May 11 vs. Milwaukee Brewers..... 7:10**

**Monday, June 22 vs. Detroit Tigers..... 7:10**

**Tuesday, June 30 vs. Kansas City Royals..... 7:10**

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Tuesday, June 23 vs. Detroit Tigers..... 7:10

Tuesday, June 30 vs. Kansas City Royals..... 7:10

Tuesday, July 14 vs. Cincinnati Reds..... 7:10

Tuesday, July 28 vs. Milwaukee Brewers..... 7:10

Tuesday, August 11 vs. New York Mets..... 7:10

Tuesday, August 25 vs. Florida Marlins..... 7:10

**Cardinal Glennon Run the Bases Days (All fans 15 & under\*)**

Sunday, June 21 vs. Arizona Diamondbacks..... 1:10

Saturday, July 18 vs. Los Angeles Dodgers..... 3:05

Saturday, August 29 vs. Atlanta Braves..... 12:15

Sunday, Sept. 6 vs. Cincinnati Reds..... 1:10

**BBC Health System Autograph Nights (All fans 20 & under\*)**

Tuesday, May 12 vs. Milwaukee Brewers..... 7:10

Tuesday, June 23 vs. Detroit Tigers..... 7:10

Tuesday, July 14 vs. Cincinnati Reds..... 7:10

Tuesday, August 11 vs. New York Mets..... 7:10

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# Maroons' Bertelsman enjoys this trip to state

By Scott Marlon  
Staff writer

It took only one word — disappointment — to describe B.J. Bertelsman's first two trips to the state wrestling tournament.

His most recent trip can be summed up in two words: state champion.

A senior at Belleville West, Bertelsman claimed the Class AA title in the 275-pound weight class with a 6-3 win against Marco Hernandez of Oswego in the championship match Feb. 18 at the Assembly Hall in Champaign.

A four-year varsity veteran, Bertelsman has 125 career wins, second on the Maroons' all-time list. He was 40-3 as a senior, setting a single-season record for victories.

He qualified for state as a sophomore and junior, but lost his first match each time. This year, he pinned his first opponent in 43 seconds.

"I knew I had to win that first one and get on a roll," said Bertelsman, who entered the tourney as the second-ranked heavyweight in the state.



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state. "It was all pretty easy after that. A lot of the pressure was off me."

Bertelsman won his next two matches by 3-2 scores before winning 10-2 in the semifinals. But he felt was in control all the way.

"I felt the guy I faced in the first round and the guy in the quarterfinals were the two toughest guys I would face," said Bertelsman, who has 85 career pins. "In the finals,

(Hernandez) was trying to throw me around, but I'll take anybody in an upper-body match any day. That's what I do all summer (in Greco-Roman tournaments)."

"After I got a takedown, I knew I had control of the match. It was 5-2 after the first round. I could have played to the crowd two or three times, but why do it? I was pressuring him the whole match and all he was doing was grabbing my wrist."

"I basically coasted the last two periods. It's called smart wrestling."

After that, it was time for B.J. to celebrate.

"It's kind of an emotional crash, with all the buildup and the hype," said the 5-foot-9, 260-pound Bertelsman, who was also a standout lineman for West's football team. "It's not over yet, but I'm sure it will be someday."

I'm the first (Belleville) Little Devil wrestler to win a little league state title and high school state, but I know I won't be the last. There will be couple kids here next year who have already won little league

titles. In the next two or three years, we'll be taking over (Metro East prep wrestling power) Granite City.

From the start of the season, Bertelsman was aiming for the state championship.

"We had more heavyweights here this year and I worked a lot with (assistant) Coach (Bob) Dahm and (assistant) Coach (Roberto) Rivera. When you can take down Coach Dahm, you can take down a lot of people."

Dahm, former head coach of the now-defunct wrestling program at Belleville Area College, was West's last state champion before Bertelsman, claiming a title in 1982.

"(Dahm's title) played a minor part in my winning state, just from hearing him every day. He makes you think about wrestling," Bertelsman said. "You try to go undefeated every day, but it just puts more pressure on you. I mind losing, but the guy who beat me twice (Quincy's Tom Mowen, runner-up heading the state tournament) went home with nothing."

"At the regional and sectional, I was pretty confident, but I wasn't the easiest person to live with the past three weeks. I said to myself before every match (at state), 'This guy has half the wrestling ability of me. I've been up here twice and he's never been here before.'"

That sounds cocky, but you have to be cocky to achieve stuff. Unless you're a superstar, you're going to be nervous. But that helps keep you down to earth. I didn't get taken down the whole state tournament. I got reversed (once), but the rest of the points were escapes. People critique my style, but I find a way to win, and you can't take that away."

Bertelsman hopes to wrestle next season on the major college level.

"The college teams are in the final swing of the season, so the coaches are kind of busy," he said. "I hope in another month to know where I'm going. I want to go D-I, and I've had some offers. I've talked to Marquette, Northern Illinois and some other schools."

"I want to go someplace that has a decent wrestling squad, but I'll go where I can get the most (scholarship) money. College is very expensive."

After resting his knee — which was injured the Thursday before the state tournament — Bertelsman will compete March 15 in the Illinois-Indiana duals at Barrington. He'll also compete March 17 at Meramec Community College in St. Louis in a tourney that matches the top Metro East wrestlers against the best wrestlers from the St. Louis area.

"I don't think I'll go to Espoir nationals this spring because after the state tournament, the prom," Bertelsman said. "It's a college event and I went last year, but this year it's after (college) sign day. I'll go to the Greco state and national tournaments. The (national) duals are in Oklahoma, so I'm not sure about that. I'll probably wrestle in the Prairie State Games (in late June)."

## Rockford West's outburst made '55 memorable

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The 1955 IHSAA boys state basketball tournament, played at Champaign's Huff Gym on March 18-19, was one of the most fascinating state finals in the tournament's long and illustrious 90-year history.

In fact, for unusual events and tough trivia, the 1955 tournament is hard to beat.

One of the most amazing facts in tourney history occurred in the championship game that year when the top-ranked Rockford West (26-1) met fifth-ranked Elgin (26-3) in the championship game.

West was coached by Alex Saudargas and fueled by 6-foot-7 junior Nolden Gentry. Elgin, coached by Bill Chesbrough, was powered by the all-state tandem of Tom Alley and Gary Smith.

It promised to be a classic clash, and it was.

Elgin opened strong, racing to a 24-10 first quarter advantage. The underdogs were still in front (40-27) at the half.

But West regrouped at half-time and stormed to a 20-8 spree in the third quarter to draw within one (48-47) with a quarter to play.

With 2:18 to play in regulation, Elgin led West 57-51. One second later, the score was tied.

Gentry started the miracle flurry with a nifty 15-footer. Fouled after the shot, he was awarded a one-and-one opportunity. He hit both tosses to



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pull West within two, 57-55. Rex Parker then intercepted Elgin's inbound pass and was fouled before the chief timer had a chance to re-start the clock. Parker popped in both free throws to knot the score. The time showing on the clock was 2:18.

Six points in one second. Nine years later, in the 1964 semifinals against Dearborn, Elgin scored seven points in two seconds, but Rockford West's mark is still the quickest accumulation of points in the shortest span of time in state tournament history.

By the way, beat Elgin 61-59. Pinckneyville also accomplished an unusual feat in 1955. The Panthers, led by all-stars Arlen Hill and Jim Lazenby, beat Alton (66-60) and Quincy (53-51) to reach the semifinals. In the Alton game, Lazenby hit 22 free throws — still a state record for one tournament game. But it was in the consolation game that "Duster" Thomas' crew became the answer to an interesting trivia question.

The 3's were wild as for the third straight year, the Panthers finished third, and with identical 33-3 records each year.

In another interesting numbers game in the 1961 semifinals, Chicago Marshall and Harvey Thornton were locked

in a back-and-forth contest when Marshall tied a time out in the fourth quarter with 4:44 to play and the scored knotted 44-44.

Back to 1955, Princeton High School and all-state player Joe Ruklick must be mentioned.

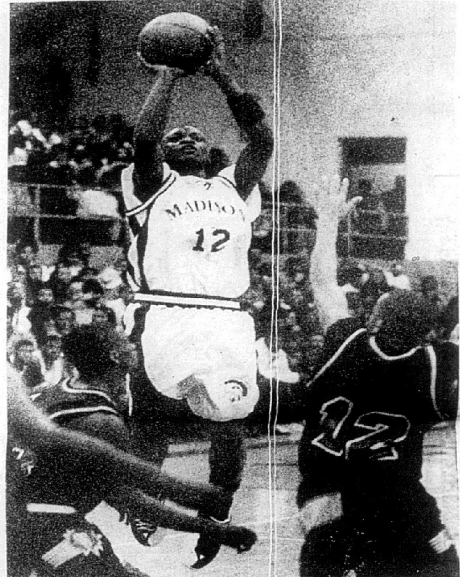
Princeton arrived at Champaign with a mark of 30-1 and ranked seventh in the state. The boys of Don Shuler edged second ranked Moline 60-58 in the sweet sixteen and then scuttled Shawneetown 66-48 in the quarterfinals.

Other than leading the 1955 tournament in scoring (104 points in four games) and leading his team to a fourth-place finish, Ruklick did nothing to merit special notice. It was long after his high school days in Illinois that the 6-foot-6 strongman became the answer to one of the great trivia questions in professional basketball history.

Question: Who got the assist on Walt Chamberlain's last basket, which gave "The Stilt" 100 points in ending his record-setting game which still stands as the best single-game outburst in NBA history?

Answer: Joe Ruklick.

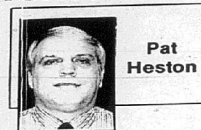
But among all the scrumptuous tidbits available on the 1955 state tournament platter, Rockford West's six points in one second still takes the cake. It just gets harder to believe with each passing year.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Madison's Maurice Baker's high school basketball career came to an end this past week.

## Madison's Baker left fans with memories



Pat Heston

On Wednesday evening at Dupon, basketball fans in southern Illinois bid farewell to a local hero.

None of us knew entering the gym that it was farewell, but all of us knew as we exited the gym that it was farewell.

The 6-foot senior, who was an Associated Press first team all-state selection last week, closed his high school career with a 24-point, 17-rebound effort as his Trojans lost a season-ending 67-57 contest to the host school in the regional semifinals.

As in other games this season, Baker drew special attention when the Trojans were on offense. Wednesday night, it was a suffocating diamond-and-one that held the Madison team leader to one point.

But Baker would not be stopped in the second half, leading the green-and-white to the upset win.

But, in the end, Baker's single-handed heroics were not enough. The Trojans ended their season at 14-14. Quite simply, when other players stepped up this season, Madison won. When Baker was left to do it all himself, Madison lost.

On Wednesday night, no one else stepped up.

The result is that the fun is gone from post-season basketball in the Metro East.

We still have our favorite teams to root for, of course, and our favorite players, cheer on in do-or-die games. There's still the chance the detail the Edwardsville express and cancel the Tigers' reservations in Peoria, and

promote the excitement. The question of whether Edwardsville can stop Belle-

ville East a third time or Lincoln again after a tough late season battle, or the thought that a suddenly hot Cahokia, Collinsville, Alton or even Granite City could spoil the Tigers' postseason party, adds significant drama to the month of March.

But the simple fact is that the fun is gone.

There's no Maurice Baker on the floor any more — swiping the ball from startled opponents' threatening pin-points, passing through a crowd in the lane to teammates under the basket, and taking your breath away in the process; arching crowd-pleasing 3-pointers that find nothing but net and turn the tide of a must-win game; leaping high above the pack to snare a crucial rebound, make a spectacular tip-in or slam home a two-handed dunk, bringing a packed house to its feet.

I'll miss that. I'll miss that familiar No. 12 jersey — suspended in mid-air after the launching of a long range bomb; sweat-drenched at the free-throw line late in the game; even with the rim on a rebound when everyone else is lagging; and blurred by a quick move or cut and that subsequent dart to the basket.

I'll miss those 30-plus points and 10-plus rebounds a game. Thanks, Maurice.

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Feb. 6	
West Lincoln 38	
Madison 37	
Feb. 11	
Carlyle 72, West Lincoln 49	
Central 56, Mater Dei 43	
Feb. 12	
Carlyle 56, Central 43	
<b>Freeburg Regional</b>	
Feb. 23	
Chester 43, Red Bud 42	
Gibault 57, New Athens 11	
Feb. 11	
Freeburg 59, Chester 43	
Sparta 60, Gibault 48	
Feb. 13	
Freeburg 67, Sparta 50	
<b>West Frankfort Sectional</b>	
Feb. 19	
Okaville 40, Carlyle 37	
West Frankfort 73, Freeburg 59	
Feb. 19	
West Frankfort 57, Okaville 54	
<b>Benton Super-Sectional</b>	
Feb. 23	
Fairfield vs. West Frankfort, 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Dupo Regional</b>	
Feb. 9	
Roxana 56, Dupo 44	
Feb. 10	
Wood River 66, Madison 33	
M.E. Lutheran 65, Columbia 55	
Feb. 11	
Marquette 39, Roxana 34	
Wood River 57, M.E. Lutheran 48	
Feb. 12	
Wood River 60, Marquette 50	
<b>Litchfield Sectional</b>	
Feb. 16	
Orenville 60, Girard 34	
Feb. 17	
Carrollton 48, Wood River 46	
Feb. 19	
Carrollton 51, Greenville 33	
<b>Carrollton Super-Sectional</b>	
Feb. 23	
Carrollton 70, Pleasant Plains 44	
<b>State Finals</b>	
<b>At Redbird Arena in Normal</b>	
Feb. 27	
Game 1: Nokomis vs. Seton Academy, 12:15 p.m.	
Game 2: Carrollton vs. Sterling Newman, 1:45 p.m.	
Game 3: West Frankfort vs. Mendota, 6:30 p.m.	
Game 4: Carthage vs. Illiana Christian, 8 p.m.	
Feb. 28	
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 11:15 a.m.	
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 12:45 p.m.	
<b>Third Place</b>	
Game 5: Winner Game 6, 6:30 p.m.	
<b>Championship</b>	
Game 5: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 8:15 a.m.	
<b>Class AA Girls Pairings</b>	
<b>Centralia Sectional</b>	
Feb. 16	
W. Vernon 50, Murphysboro 27	
Carbondale 38, Althoff 35	

<b>Class A Boys Pairings</b>	<b>West Lincoln Regional</b>
Feb. 6	
West Lincoln 38	
Madison 37	
Feb. 11	
Carlyle 72, West Lincoln 49	
Central 56, Mater Dei 43	
Feb. 12	
Carlyle 56, Central 43	
<b>Freeburg Regional</b>	
Feb. 23	
Chester 43, Red Bud 42	
Gibault 57, New Athens 11	
Feb. 11	
Freeburg 59, Chester 43	
Sparta 60, Gibault 48	
Feb. 13	
Freeburg 67, Sparta 50	
<b>West Frankfort Sectional</b>	
Feb. 19	
Okaville 40, Carlyle 37	
West Frankfort 73, Freeburg 59	
Feb. 19	
West Frankfort 57, Okaville 54	
<b>Benton Super-Sectional</b>	
Feb. 23	
Fairfield vs. West Frankfort, 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Dupo Regional</b>	
Feb. 9	
Roxana 56, Dupo 44	
Feb. 10	
Wood River 66, Madison 33	
M.E. Lutheran 65, Columbia 55	
Feb. 11	
Marquette 39, Roxana 34	
Wood River 57, M.E. Lutheran 48	
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<b>Litchfield Sectional</b>	
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Feb. 17	
Carrollton 48, Wood River 46	
Feb. 19	
Carrollton 51, Greenville 33	
<b>Carrollton Super-Sectional</b>	
Feb. 23	
Carrollton 70, Pleasant Plains 44	
<b>State Finals</b>	
<b>At Redbird Arena in Normal</b>	
Feb. 27	
Game 1: Aurora East Super-Sectional winner vs. Chicago Public Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.	
Game 2: DeKalb Super-Sectional winner vs. Maine West Super-Sectional winner, 6:30 p.m.	
Game 3: Normal Community West Super-Sectional winner vs. Salem Super-Sectional winner, 6:30 p.m.	
Game 4: New London Super-Sectional winner vs. Elmhurst Super-Sectional winner, 8 p.m.	
Feb. 28	
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<b>Third Place</b>	
Game 5: Winner Game 6, 6:30 p.m.	
<b>Championship</b>	
Game 5: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 8:15 p.m.	
<b>Class AA Boys Pairings</b>	
<b>Centralia Sectional</b>	
Feb. 16	
W. Vernon 50, Murphysboro 27	
Carbondale 38, Althoff 35	

<b>PREP BASKETBALL PAIRINGS</b>	<b>Centralia Sectional</b>
Feb. 23	
Mater Dei 69, Odin 33	
Carroll 83, Sandover 39	
Feb. 25	
Waterloo 39, East St. Louis 29	
Feb. 26	
East St. Louis Lincoln 81, Waterloo 29	
Feb. 26	
Belleville West 46, Mascoutah 40	
O'Fallon 78, Cahokia 39	
Feb. 27	
Centralia 62, Mt. Carmel 34	
Feb. 19	
Mount Vernon 62, Carbondale 34	
Feb. 23	
Belleville East 49, Carmel 34	
Feb. 23	
East St. Louis Lincoln 56, Belleville West 33	
Feb. 23	
Centralia 47, O'Fallon 39	
Feb. 23	
Mount Vernon 57, Belleville East 46	
Feb. 23	
East St. Louis Lincoln 69, Centralia 42	
Feb. 26	
East St. Louis Lincoln 74, Mt. Vernon 65	
<b>Civic Memorial Sectional</b>	
Feb. 16	
Taylorville 68, Triad 30	
Feb. 16	
Highland 62, Chatham Glenwood 61	
Feb. 16	
Paris 70, Mattoon 59	
Feb. 16	
Jerseyville 65, Alton 57	
Feb. 17	
Oleary 75, Effingham 34	
Feb. 17	
Salem 71, Charleston 44	
Feb. 17	
Edwardsville 60, Granite City 25	
Feb. 19	
Collinsville 42, Civic Memorial 41	
Feb. 19	
Taylorville 69, Paris 73	
Feb. 26	
Oleary 59, Edwardsville 44	
Feb. 26	
Taylorville 79, Quincy 53	
Feb. 26	
<b>Salem Super-Sectional</b>	
Feb. 27	
East St. Louis Lincoln vs. Taylorville, 7 p.m.	
<b>State Finals</b>	
<b>At Redbird Arena in Normal</b>	
Feb. 27	
Game 1: Aurora East Super-Sectional winner vs. Chicago Public Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.	
Game 2: DeKalb Super-Sectional winner vs. Maine West Super-Sectional winner, 6:30 p.m.	
Game 3: Normal Community West Super-Sectional winner vs. Salem Super-Sectional winner, 6:30 p.m.	
Game 4: New London Super-Sectional winner vs. Elmhurst Super-Sectional winner, 8 p.m.	
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<b>Third Place</b>	
Game 5: Winner Game 6, 6:30 p.m.	
<b>Championship</b>	
Game 5: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 8:15 p.m.	
<b>Class AA Boys Pairings</b>	
<b>Centralia Sectional</b>	
Feb. 16	
W. Vernon 50, Murphysboro 27	
Carbondale 38, Althoff 35	

Game 3: (13) Civic Memorial at (4) Collinsville, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 4: (12) Chatham Glenwood at (5) Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.	
March 4	
Game 1: (1) East St. Louis at (2) Belleville East, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 6: (10) O'Fallon at (7) Althoff, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 7: (14) Waterloo at (3) East St. Louis Lincoln, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 8: (15) Belleville West at (6) Alton, 7:30 p.m.	
March 5	
Game 9: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 10: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 11: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 12: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 7:30 p.m.	
March 10	
(Games at SU-Edwardsville)	
Game 13: Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 14: Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 12, 7:30 p.m.	
March 13	
Game 15: Winner Game 13 vs. Winner Game 14, 7:30 p.m.	
Salem Sectional	
March 3	
Game 1: (15) Herin at (1) Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 2: (9) Highland at (8) Mascoutah, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 3: (13) Olney at (4) Murphysboro, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 4: (12) Charleston at (5) Mt. Carmel, 7:30 p.m.	
March 4	
Game 5: (15) Mattoon at (2) Centralia, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 6: (10) Paris at (7) Marion, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 7: (14) Triad at (3) Effingham, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 8: (11) Salem at (6) Carbondale, 7:30 p.m.	
March 6	
Game 9: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 10: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 11: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 12: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 7:30 p.m.	
March 10	
(Games at Salem High School)	
Game 13: Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10, 7:30 p.m.	
Game 14: Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 12, 7:30 p.m.	
March 13	
Game 15: Winner Game 13 vs. Winner Game 14, 7:30 p.m.	
Super-Sectional	
(At SU-Carbondale)	
March 17	
Collinsville Sectional winner	
Salem Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.	



## SPORTS

## East St. Louis surrenders 103 to Belleville East

Belleville East exploded for 33 points in the fourth quarter Friday night en route to a 103-77 triumph in the regular season finale at home against East St. Louis.

The Lancers led just 45-37 at the halftime break and East St. Louis

continued to prove a pesky foe until late in the third period and throughout the fourth quarter.

Josh Helbig led Belleville East with 23 points while Edric Russell added

21. Larry Scheller 15, Perry Cox 12, Wes Kennedy 11 and Tony Patterson eight.

The Lancers took a 26-19 lead after the first period — in which Helbig scored 10 points — and kept the Flyers at bay over the next 11 minutes

before stretching the lead into double digits for good late in the third quarter.

A 22-2 spree in the fourth quarter blew the game open and pushed Belleville East to the brink of the century mark at 99-71. Scheller's

steal and layup gave Belleville East a 101-71 lead with 2:08 to play.

For East St. Louis, Nathaniel Holmes fired in 23 points, 17 of those in the second half. DeVric Johnson added 18 and Phillip Gilbert was also in double figures with 11.

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## •Woodcock

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against our season-ticket base and against our sponsorship base, all in the wake of some of the mistakes that were made at the front office level with certain players moves and so on.

Two days into his position last year, Woodcock answered the complaint of pricey tickets when the Blues lowered the prices of 500 high mezzanine seats by \$10 for the last eight games of the regular season. The team also did not raise prices for the first round of the playoffs.

Once the playoffs came to an end, Woodcock really went to work.

The organization replaced the pastel-colored seats in Kiel Center with dark blue seats. The banners and retired jerseys hanging from the rafters were replaced to reflect the new uniforms.

A television deal was worked out with KPLR Channel 11 to broadcast games on free TV. The Blues on Channel 11 had been an institution in St. Louis until the previous front office regime went in another direction.

"If we hadn't done all of this... where would we be? That is a good question," Woodcock said. "It is hard to say because I don't want to know what the answer would be if Joel Quenneville had a team at this point of the season with 30 wins and our lowest ticket price was in another universe that St. Louis Blues fans shouldn't have to consider. I don't want to know the

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— Jim Woodcock  
Blues senior VP

answer."

The answer could have been more and more fans being alienated.

Instead Woodcock has helped to restore the image of the St. Louis Blues that fans remember when attending games at The Arena — aka "the old barn."

He has attempted to restore the fun and atmosphere of St. Louis Blues hockey.

"It's an honor and it's a real privilege to represent this club and represent our fans in everything we do," Woodcock said. "What I have learned over the past year is just how lucky I am, first, and second, how important this office has become. The position is a lot more high-profiled than I ever imagined."

"Now people really feel like they have got a sounding board, an advocate or representative so I have got to be responsible. It has been very rewarding. There hasn't been a bad day or night."

## •Voellinger

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Born Harry Christopher Carabina on March 1, 1914, Caray died Feb. 18, after collapsing at a nightclub in Rancho Mirage, Calif., on Valentine's Day.

"He was always the life of the party, the life of baseball," Cardinals Hall of Famer Stan Musial said of Caray.

In future years, some baseball fans may forget the date of Harry's death, but for those of us who listened to him for more than four decades, we never will forget the enthusiasm he brought to the game.

## Extra Innings

Mention of Caray and Gibson caused me to

note the Jan. 11 death of Joe Becker, who served as pitching coach of the Cardinals in 1995 and '96.

Becker once told me how he successfully encouraged Gibson to seek a large contract from the Cardinals.

"Joe was the reason I became a Cubs fan," said Joey Tonjes of Belleville. Joey became acquainted with Becker through Tonjes' father's friendship with Becker or Tony Becker of Belleville, Joe Becker's brother and a longtime fan of the Millstadt team of the Mon-Clair League.

"We'd go over to Tony's house in the Signal Hill area, and whenever Joe was there, I heard plenty of baseball stories," Tonjes said of Joe Becker, who also coached for the Dodgers and Cubs.

## •Basketball

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Weber, who spent much of the first half on the bench in foul trouble, added 17 points, five assists and five steals. Four other Taylorville players scored between seven and nine points.

Casey Campbell and Nicole Hartrich both scored 12 points for East Richland, while Jessica Bateman netted nine points and hauled in six boards.

The Lady Tornados opened the second half with a 16-2 run as coach Carol Wilson's team switched from its familiar diamond-and-press to a different look each time the Tigers brought the ball down court.

"It caught them by surprise," said Wilson. "You could see it in their eyes. They expected one thing and we kept crossing them up. By the time, they worked things out, we were up by nine points. After that, they just wore them down physically, and the game was over early."

It was the second straight 26-point win by the Lady Tornados, who have outscored their four postseason opponents 367-191 for an average per game score of 92-48.

The Lady Tornados, ranked third in the state, and the Lincoln Tigertettes, ranked ninth, share two common opponents on the season.

Top-ranked Chicago Marshall defeated Taylorville 82-69 in the Chicago Public School Tournament over the Christmas holiday and, on Jan. 23, the Lady Commandos routed Lincoln 69-40 on the Tigertettes' home court.

Missouri's defending Class 4A state champion — St. Louis Gateway Tech — also played the two teams with mixed results. Gateway Tech lost to the Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout and beat East St. Louis Lincoln 57-56 in overtime at Gateway Tech in February.

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# FAMILY



Rev. Gary Motta, his wife, Becky, and his sons, Danny and David.

## Mottas called to Niedringhaus

The Rev. Gary Motta, the new pastor at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, comes to Granite City from Rockbridge United Methodist Church in Greenfield, Ill.

He has also ministered to congregations at Vermilion Heights United Methodist Church in Danville and Central United Methodist Church in Decatur.

Motta was a music/theater major at Millikin University in Decatur before attending Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield.

The pastor's wife, Becky, majored in music at Millikin and sings in the church choir. The Mottas' oldest son, Danny, accompanies his father on the guitar, as the pastor plays the piano for many of the church hymns. David, their youngest son, plays the saxophone and also enjoys music.

The Mottas helped begin a Christian community theater in Danville and have used drama in all of their churches.

Sunday church services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday service is at 6:30 p.m. Nursery is available.

The children of Niedringhaus are invited to participate in JETS, Jesus Every Thursday, and to bring a friend. JETS begins at 7 p.m. and includes singing, learning Bible verses, activities and practice for a spring musical.

## Vonk to be honored

Hans Vonk, conductor of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, will receive a doctoral degree at the May 9 commencement ceremony at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Jill Pelaez Baumgaertner, literary critic, poet and professor of English at Wheaton College, also will receive a degree. She will be honored at a 9 a.m. professional schools ceremony.

Vonk will receive his degree at the College of Arts and Sciences ceremony at 1 p.m.



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## Be wary of IRS double-dipping

Some things cannot be repeated too often—for example, do not let the Internal Revenue Service take a double dip from your 401k plan distributions.

How you decide to receive your 401k money has significant tax consequences. If your distributions are early, too late or too small, you may owe penalty taxes on top of ordinary income taxes. Here are some suggestions to help you avoid penalties.

**• Too Early.** Generally, before age 59½, distributions from your 401k are subject to a 10 percent penalty tax in addition to regular income taxes. This is the "early withdrawal penalty."

There are exceptions to this rule, however. For example, if



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you are 55 or older in the year you retire, you can begin taking distributions without paying a penalty. If you leave your job, you may begin receiving "substantially equal period payments" regardless of your age, and you will not owe the extra penalty.

Once you start, however, you must continue receiving the payments until age 59½, or for

five years, whichever is longer.

**• Too Late or Too Little.** When you reach age 70½, you must begin receiving a minimum amount from your retirement accounts each year, based on your life expectancy. If you withdraw less than this amount, the IRS will impose a 50 percent penalty on the difference between the required minimum and the actual amount you receive. This is the "minimum distribution penalty."

You do have choices for calculating life expectancy, and this can make a big difference in your required minimum distribution. Check with your financial professional before you decide. After you begin distributions, it is too late to

change them.

If you're still employed after age 70½ and do not own the majority of the organization you work for, you are not required to take distributions from your 401k account or other company plans. Money in an IRA, on the other hand, is subject to the minimum distribution rules.

Obviously, federal regulations on withdrawal of your retirement funds are complicated. But remember, tax regulations are always subject to change. So, here is another thing that cannot be repeated too often: Consult your tax adviser or financial professional before you begin making withdrawals from your 401k or other retirement plan.

## BUSINESS PROFILE



From left: Michael Benda, Kim Benda, David Benda, Ryan Benda, KC Bush, Janet Mills and Phillip Benda.

## Health and Craft Corner Business

Health and Craft Corner, 2420 Nameoki Road, Unit 4, is a unique shop that specializes in weight loss, sports nutrition and herbal medications. The store is also offers on consignment a variety of goods such as crafts, antiques, toys and Amish foods. Owner Kim Benda began the business out of her home in July, then opened the store on Nameoki in December. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. For more information, call 452-3531.

## family

Kim Benda has been married for 12 years and has four boys. She has lived in Granite City since she was in the 3rd grade in the early 1970s.

## professional background

Benda is a certified nurse assistant, and used to train employees to work at Venture store. She has an associates degree from Belleville Area College and is currently working on a bachelor in psychology from Southern Illinois University. She has had numerous classes in biology and chemistry, and is working on getting her certification in training.

## civic involvement

Benda has worked at fund raising for cancer with St. Jude Hospital. She has plans to implement a program where \$1 would be donated to the local DARE program for most non-consignment items sold in her store.

## comments

"There is something here for everyone," Benda said. She said she would do whatever it takes to make sure customers go home happy.

## Firm contradicts earlier farm predictions

Despite contrary predictions, the 10-year up-trend in Midwestern farmland values continues, according to a prominent farmland marketing firm.

The Loranda Group Inc. of Springfield reports that in most areas, a limited number of properties remain available with farmers and investors continuing as active buyers.

"Higher prices reflect the continued optimism of buyers about the future of agriculture," explains John Moss, president, The Loranda Group.

"As long as this positive outlook continues, the prices paid for farm properties should remain steady to higher."

The past six months presented the land market news that could have had a negative impact:

• Lower midsummer grain prices.

• Erratic crop growing conditions, and

• The long awaited capital gains tax cut.

What actually happened was much less severe than what

was anticipated, according to Moss.

Grain prices

The grain market collapse that many expected because of increased corn and soybean acreage was a short term phenomenon offset by lower yield expectations and increased demand.

By the time harvest was over, both corn and soybean prices had rallied substantially from summer lows to profitable level.

Crop yields

The crop yield concerns of

July and August diminished with the start of harvest. While the 1997 crop set no yield records, yields were much better than expected. Today's corn hybrids and soybean varieties can better withstand drought and other stresses than crops 10 years ago.

Capital gains

The much anticipated capital gains tax reduction came, but created little excitement, Moss noted. The hoped for tax rate of 14 percent ended up at a less enticing 20 percent.

"The new rate, thus far, has not been low enough to significantly increase the number of farms for sale," Moss says. "Nor has it reduced the number of investors willing to forgo a tax-deferred exchange in farmland and pay the capital gains tax instead."

For investors involved in an exchange, farmland remains a very attractive alternative.

Despite the many reasons espoused for a crash in the farmland market, the market has been and should remain a solid investment, Moss said.

Not for everyone

Farmland may not be an investment for everyone. "It

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Earlier in 1997, Jeanette received the "Realtor of the Year" award by the Granite City Board of Realtors. She was chosen for the award based on her real estate production and professionalism, as well as her civic and community involvement.

She is active in Madison County Homebuilders Association, Board of Directors of Granite City Rotary Club, Governor for SIR-MLS for the Region, member of Illinois Association of Realtors and a member and Board Director for Granite City Board of Realtors. Jeanette has been married to Larry Holder for 38 years and they have 2 adult children, Larry and Linda.

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# NEWS

## HONOR ROLLS

The following students at NIED-RINGHAUS SCHOOL in Granite City earned academic honors during the second quarter of the 1997-98 school year.

Grade 4 — Alexandria Batsios, Emily Briner, Kyle Carpenter, Nicole Chaboude, Amanda Gass, Kristen Gavillet, Andy Gilley, Alyson Griffith, Jason Heith, Tom Hughes, Brandi McBride, Danielle McGuire, Amanda Miller, Edward Schilling, Justin Schooley, Dillon Simon, Krista Watkins, Zachary Weidner, Matt Woodell and Ben Zaring.

Grade 5 — Greg Anderson, Chris Asadorian, Candis Blake, Lindsay Boyer, Cameron Carpenter, Billy Conklin, Alycia Dionea, Becky Gunther, Elyn Hollis, Jennifer Jones, Stephen Jones, Kristen Kwiatkowski, Kyrstie Lange, Stephen Matosian, James McGuade, Ashlee Nemeth, Malarie Parker, Kelsey Roseman, Lindsay Siebert, Rebecca Vance, Rachel Warren, Steven Wertha.

Grade 4 — Ashleigh Angelly, Stephen Blumenthal, Nyla Caublie, Joey Clement, Justin Elliott, Justin Gibson, Anderson Heintz, Sarah Hickman, Kristin Kambarian, Alex Kossuge, Corinna Latster, April Morrisey, Jacob Patterson, Zachary Scaturro, Courtney Sherly, Kneley Snelson, Rachel White and Peter Wyrostek.

Bernard Long, principal of BLAIR SCHOOL in Madison is pleased to recognize the academic achievement of the students that have been named to the honor roll for the second quarter.

The purpose of the honor roll is to encourage academic achievement among the students at Blair School by recognizing those students who excel at their ability level.

A 'Straight A' Honor Roll is established for those students who are ineligible for the honor roll but are working towards it. The purpose is to encourage these students to work toward the honor roll one step at a time. To qualify for the B.U.S. Roll students must bring up at least one grade in an academic area without lowering any other grade in an academic area.

Those students who maintain an A average throughout the school year will receive High Honors and a ribbon on Award's Day. Those students who maintain a B average throughout the school year will receive straight A's throughout the school year will receive the Principal's Award.

Straight 'A' — Roger Glasper, Jasmine James, DaAndre Edmonds, Malaina Miller, Alea Stanley, Awnye Taylor, Jarrett Mosby, Ashlygh Hughes.

Grade 3 — Gretel Baker, Johnnie Bolton, Alexis Colburn, Darrian Foster, LaCharris McNeil, David Pinnix, Nicholas Roberts, Jimmie Weathers, Whitney Blockton, Anesia Hynes, Jamal Terrell, Harvey Walker, Antonio Bell, Grade 2 — Zondria Bolden, Janyra Chapman, Anesia Oliver, Marianna Temple, Malcolm Tolliver, Christina Wagner, Jessica Ziegler, Tyea Hill, Avery Crawford, Lynesia Simmons, Simone Willis, Takisha Jordan, Lamont Gregory, Sidney Brown, Shaonica Masley, Jerrall Johnson, Porcha Burt.

Grade 1 — Joseph Baker, Bernadette Brown, Randy Brown, Rosalind Gary, Lebrayn Gates, Tia Jenkins, Tommy Johnson, LeWayne Jones, DeShawn Jordan, VaShean Jordan, Kendrick Mosby, DeAndre Nichols, Tanisha Pickett, Alyssa Weathers, Damarra Williams, Clarence Douglas, Donnelia Jones, Darin Walker, Antione Starnes, Jabari Perkins, Lamonia Gregory, Gavin Glatton, Erin Cody, Dominique McNeil, LaDarin Montgomery, Hendria Pickett, Chanel Walker, Alexis Williams.

Kindergarten — Jamie Bailey, CheKenna Carlisle, Kendall Echols, Antonio Floyd, Dillon Garrett, Jasmine Newsome, Charles Owens II, Menelik Temple, Amber Ware, Cherise Williams, LaToya Williams, Rashana Williams, Alois Roy, Gregory Murray III, James Gilmore, Jarrell Dillon, Jimaye Evans, Jonathon Love Jr., Emmanie Lewis, Taqwa Anderson, Tiara Smith, Detchauz Wray.



Quill & Scroll initiates, from left: Chris Sumpter, Christina Spudich, Joe Herman, Dimana Spudich, Megan Solomon, Kristen Ely, Marissa Slattery, Teresa Lynn and Madrigal Vorce. Not pictured: Anna Tapp and Melissa Nelson.

## 11 inducted into Quill & Scroll

Eleven students from Granite City High School were inducted into the International Honor Society of High School Journalists (Quill & Scroll) on Feb. 17.

The new members of the Quill & Scroll club had to work hard to join. Their grade-point average must place them in the upper third of their class; they must have participated in either one semester of journalism or yearbook classes; and they must be recommended by

their advisor. The members were honored at a dinner to welcome them into the club. At the dinner, they enjoyed listening to the guest speaker, David Craig of WIL 920 AM. Also in attendance were Antonio Betancourt, Quill & Scroll advisor and journalism teacher; Cindy Gagich, assistant principal; De Mana Spudich, yearbook advisor; and Amy Alsop, English department head.

The program and initiation

ceremony was lead by Kim Greer, club president, and Jessica Huniak, secretary/treasurer.

The society was founded on April 10, 1926, at the University of Iowa, by a group of high school journalism teachers who wanted worthy journalists to be rewarded. Quill & Scroll is one of only two honorary societies at GCHS.

This article was written by Missy Slattery of GCHS.

## Montessori sets open house

The Montessori School, located at 4401 Illinois 162 in Granite City, will have an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. on March 8.

The Montessori School is a nonprofit, private school offering preschool through sixth-grade classes.

The school is certified by the Association Montessori Internationale. Founded in 1971, the school uses the "Montessori Method" of teaching, originated by Maria Montessori, (1870-1952) an Italian educator and medical doctor. This method is in use worldwide and follows Montessori's philosophy that children are motivated by natural curiosity and a love of knowledge.

Mary Beth McGivern, head director of the school, invites parents interested in a Montessori education for their children to tour the school during the open house. Students and staff members will be present to demonstrate lessons and answer questions.

Children as young as 2½ are eligible for admission to the school. On-site before- and after-school care is available. The school currently has students enrolled from many communities in the Metro East.

The school has easy access to Interstates 255 and 270. To get to the school, exit I-255 at Highway 162 and go west 1.2 miles. The school is on the right.

## Scholarships open for BAC students

Many scholarship opportunities are still available to students who are registered at or who are considering attending Belleville Area College during the 1998-99 academic year.

Students can receive scholarships related to their place of residence, age, area of study or gender. There are even scholarships available for students graduating this year from BAC and transferring to continue their education at a four-year institution.

The deadline to apply for most Foundation scholarships is March 27, although two scholarships have a March 6 deadline. For more information, call Michele Burger at (800) BAC-5131, ext. 215.

## Farm

(Continued from Page 5B) takes considerable amount of capital to buy even 80 acres at today's prices," Moss says. "For many people, this money isn't available or is being used for college tuition, a new room addition, or other purposes."

"This is why many individuals who have recently inherited land decide to sell. They place a higher priority on other investments and view farmland as an asset they can quickly convert to cash."

Today's land buyers shouldn't look at property as a speculative means to becoming rich quickly, said Moss. "Farmland has not and never will be that type of investment," he says. "Owners should be patient and recognize the farm for its economic and its non-economic values."

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Favors will be returned; ask! Deceit is exposed to those who care enough to know. Authority figures and strong-willed loved ones are becoming more appreciative of your new ideas.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Evidence you've been collecting now stacks up to major decision making. Creatively, you need someone to force you

to produce. Gemini and Virgo add encouragement. Remark less actions make a reluctant love take notice.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): Accomplish personal goals more quickly by changing one simple aspect of your lifestyle. Kindness brings you miraculous benefits. Someone dear admires you for second-guessing authority.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22): Artists find work through family connections. Overdue assignments must be completed now. Short trips bring love. Be enthusiastic with friends instead of making a judgment on everything they do.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Defend a loved one. You are lucky with written communications. Proceed now, and get information later. Be more demanding, and you'll find



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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 1): It's no longer enough for you simply to get the job done. You realize that you deserve huge amounts of joy in your life and will set out to get it. Financial success arrives by the end of next month, bringing you ease. Friendship with a Leo leads to romance in May. Your best month for marriage is next January. Aries employers help you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plan your day, or you are likely to act out of whimsy and could regret it. New circles are as accepting as you are willing to contribute. Indirect answers allow you to keep all options open.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Romance is what happens when you break routine and do something different from here on out. But take care to be

cautious. You are taking an unnecessary chance in love.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Your doubts about a current love are unfounded. Spur-of-the-moment decisions are best. Do things alone, as you will meet wonderful new friends. Intrigue gets old after a while, so offer a little more personal information.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Invite friends to meet your family. In-laws are suddenly on your side. Recognize a child's special skills by helping him or her with lessons. You have rare insight tonight, but others may not be ready to hear it.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Loved ones vacillate, but you know exactly what must be done. Be careful about confiding another person's secret. Interplay between a marriage partner and a friend needs watching.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Being early makes you privy to invaluable information. Discreet overtures are not missed by you, though others may not believe your observations. Associate with people who work in the arts.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Simplify your daily duties, or you lose all the joy of your family. An interest turns into a lucrative second career if you keep at it. Your partner's love is taking you for granted.

### 'Human Potential' seminar slated

Developing more positive attitudes is the focus of a seminar sponsored by Belleville Area College's Counseling Department. The seminar, titled "Human Potential," will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, in the Marsh Conference Room at BAC's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave.

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## 'Deep Rising' offers half-baked hybrid

Hollywood loves to cross-breed and produce film hybrids only a mother could love.

The latest is Stephen Sommers' "Deep Rising," a movie that mates "The Beast" (Peter Benchley's tale of a monster killer squid) and "Assault on a Queen" (Frank Sinatra's caper about an ocean liner heist).

The result is a half-baked idea about a giant octopus with a very bad attitude and a bunch of mercenaries who plan to rob the safe of a new high-tech cruise ship whose owner wants to scuttle it for the insurance payoff.

And to make sure you know it's "an action movie," there are enough explosions to shatter a continent.

The action unfolds amid a storm in the South China Sea, where the Saipan with its cargo of armed torpedoes speeds toward the Argonautica, a cruise ship making its maiden voyage.

Piloting the Saipan is John Finnegan (Treat Williams), where the Saipan with its cargo of armed torpedoes speeds toward the Argonautica, a cruise ship making its maiden voyage.

Meanwhile, passengers enjoy a night of celebration aboard the Argonautica, a dancing, entertainment, gambling, tons

of food and champagne. And a jewel thief with the improbable name of Trillian (Famke Janssen) attempts to break into the vault and steal whatever she can.

But someone on board (it doesn't take too much brain mileage to figure out exactly who) tampers with the ship's computer and shuts down the vessel. Dead in the water, it's easy prey for creatures of the deep who swim from the sea's bottom and crash into the hull.

With special effects reminiscent of "The Poseidon Adventure," people, furniture, food, fixtures all tumble together in insane confusion. But by the time the Saipan arrives — its own hull damaged from running over a lifeboat — no one seems to be aboard. Just blood. Lots and lots of blood.

There are three survivors — Trillian, the Captain (Derrick O'Connor) and Canton (Anthony Heald), the ship's owner.

One by one, as the formula for this sort of thing, the bad guys are picked off by octopus creatures, and Finnegan and friends frantically try to save their own lives.

To the credit of the filmmakers, what little suspense there is is heightened by not showing the creatures too early in the movie. But so much of the action and horror — is predictable, silly and purely gratuitous.

It is a cute ending — but not cute enough to make you glad you saw the movie.

Given the material (the squid was written by Sommers) the cast does an able job. Williams is properly glib, O'Connor adds a sometimes forced comic relief. Heald provides the usual smarmy and untrustworthy character he does so well, and Studi is intense.

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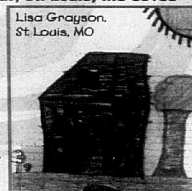
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# AUTOMOTIVE



**Pontiac challenges compacts with stylish new Grand Am**

By Tom Strongman

Pontiac's approach to redesigning its best-selling Grand Am was clear: Capitalize on the success of the current model, improve build quality, eliminate noises and give buyers bold, expressive styling.

Pontiac has managed successfully on all counts with a car that is roomier, more refined and costs just \$134 more than a comparably equipped 1998.

Key to holding down the price was simplifying the available combinations. The coupe and sedan come in three basic models, SE, SE1 and SE2. The SE sedan starts at \$16,595, and would be priced at \$17,185 with a rear spoiler and AM/FM/CD player. Standard equipment includes a 2.4-liter, four-cylinder engine, anti-lock brakes, automatic transmission, air conditioning, tilt wheel, cruise control and enhanced traction system. That's a lot of car for the money.

Production is under way, but they won't be in dealers' hands in any volume for a few weeks. Pontiac invited journalists to sample some pre-production models for a day's drive. Some quick conclusions:

- Interior volume is up substantially, because the 107-inch wheelbase is 3.6 inches longer than the old car. Overall length, however, is up by only one-half inch. How did they do that? By pushing the wheels out to the corner of the vehicle.

- The new body structure, stiffer than any of its competitors and comparable to the Aurora, not only cuts down on squeaks and rattles but allows the suspension to be tuned for a more pliant ride. Strategically placed sound deadeners and thicker windshield glass contribute to the lack of noise.

- The back seat is now comfortable for adults, although the coupe-like roofline forces back-seat passengers to duck while getting in.

- The radically styled instrument panel has two huge, hooded pods for primary gauges. They look similar to the ones on the new Corvette. The dash has a soft-touch, leather-like texture with a minimum of seams.

- The round, "eyeball type" air outlets on top of the dash twist and rotate to direct air flow, and feel as if mounted in liquid. Pontiac calls them "gimbal fluidic infinite directional air outlets." Most people will call them terrific.

- Ride and handling have been markedly improved. Over choppy city streets the independent suspension, which uses aluminum control arms, swallowed bumps without feeling either mushy or harsh. In back, the tri-link design is similar to that of the Grand Prix, and it allows 25 percent more wheel travel than before. The body sits fairly flat in corners too. Standard 15-inch wheels help, but credit the suspension engineers for this success. Sixteen-inch alloy wheels are optional but will be standard on the sporty GT model which comes later this summer.

- The 2.4-liter, 150-horsepower Twin Cam engine has undergone numerous improvements to make it feel more civilized, such as a tensioner for the chain that turns the balance shafts, and a noise-canceling induction system. Direct mounting of some accessories helps too. A full-frame front chassis cradle also enhances smoothness. While this engine used to be quite raucous, it now feels positively pliant.

- An automatic transmission is the only one offered for now, but a five-speed manual from Getrag will be offered next year. A benefit to the automatic transmission is the ETS, or enhanced traction system, that uses the engine's computerized management system to

retard the spark, reduce power and select the proper gear to maintain traction in slippery conditions.

A 170-horsepower, 3.4-liter V-6 derived from the one in the Trans Sport minivan is optional, and while it scoots away from stops nicely and zips down the interstate with ease, I found the four-cylinder to be perfectly adequate in normal driving. That will be a different story when the GT comes along.

Surprise and delight items include battery run-down protection; a license plate pocket in the front fascia with a removable cover; rear cornering

lamps that project light at 45 degrees for backing up; daytime running lights with automatic light controls; programmable power door locks; and an oil-life monitor that tells when the oil needs to be



changed based on how the car has been driven.

The Grand Am is poised to take in a larger share of the compact sedan market because it is light, solid and aggressively styled. The bold ribbing around the bottom sets it apart from its sibling, the Oldsmobile Alero.

Attention to detail is everywhere. The ribbing on the outside is subtly mirrored on interior door panels; the gauge cluster is completely mounted in rubber to eliminate squeaks, and dash wiring is wrapped in cloth to reduce the chance of noise.

The seats are completely new and designed to work in harmony with the car's suspension. Consequently, they give good support while soaking up bumps and vibration from the road surface.

Negatives? The radio is busy with buttons, and its gray color was not the ideal complement to the tan interior of the car I drove. Cruise control switches on the bottom of the steering wheel require the driver to move his hand to activate them. The rear spoiler has little winglets on the end that some might find too busy.

Grand Am prices range from \$16,395 for an SE coupe to \$19,495 for an SE2 sedan. Even loaded, the SE2 will not exceed \$20,000. The basic warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

## Few cars look different from the rest

By Rick Stoff

The 1998 St. Louis International Auto Show made it clear that often it is important to be different. And accessible doesn't hurt either. America's Center was filled with shiny cars and trucks, some with sticker prices in the six-figure range. So which one attracted the most attention? The modest but unmistakably unique second-generation Volkswagen Beetle.

On opening night, some of the most desirable sets of wheels on earth went largely unnoticed while the white Beetle, still unseen in showrooms, attracted such a crowd that it often was difficult to step back and take a good look at it.

Meanwhile, only a couple of people looked at the adjacent Volkswagen Passat, an exciting step up the luxury scale for a brand that is known for staying in the middle of the stream. An attractive young lady on a nearby display stand delivered her scripted description of a sport-utility vehicle to a microphone and no one else in particular.

Why? The Beetle sure looks different. And suggested prices start at \$15,290.

Volkswagen apparently was prepared for large crowds and souvenir hunters, since its Beetle brochure was simply one sheet of white paper printed inexpensively in black. And at least one salesman was prepared for a big night, too, as he seemed to answer too many Beetle questions with a snugg, "I'm taking orders."

By looking at the Beetle and other cars in the building, it became apparent that few look much different from the rest.

The least expensive cars are the most likely to look alike. When the auto industry has capacity to build far more vehicles than the public ever could dream of buying, shouldn't striking design be an important selling point?

Out came the notebook to start a list of vehicles that actually do look different.

First, Chrysler has to be the most innovative company in the world when it comes to design. Its Dodge Ram and Dakota pickup trucks are the first in decades to break from the three-box-in-a-row tradition. The 1999 Chrysler LH is may have been the most stunning production car at the show.

The convertible Chevrolet Corvette simply has the right proportions. New nose pieces on the Chevy Camaro and its cousin, the Pontiac Firebird Trans Am, achieve vastly different results. The newer Camaro nose gives the body a crisp and clean shape; the severe nostrils and bulges and the Trans Am suggest overdoes of steroids.

The daring 1999 Mercury Cougar suggests curves on a straight-edged wedge to produce something new and appealing. The 1998 Lincoln Town Car combines length with new-age chunkiness to offer the snappiest large car at the show.

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